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An eyewitness account

The scene at the Mosque

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is the eyewitness account of a reporter who accompanied Saudi Arabian security forces into the Grand Mosque in Mecca Tuesday just hours after the last renegades in the basement of the mosque were captured.

By a Staff Writer

MECCA, Dec. 5 — Security was tight from the first minute that we arrived at the Al-Shashayyah parking lot near the mosque. The lot was filled with military jeeps equipped with machine guns and carrying soldiers full battle dress.

Between the mosque and the parking lot, buses had been evacuated during the fighting, and armed troops stood guard in front of the one.

At the mosque itself, evidence that a fight raged was everywhere. The last gate of the Massaa at the side of the Marwa where grims used to end their rites was broken off, and the walls on either side had been demolished.

The wall separating the Al-Marwa from the Al-Safa on the eastern side of the mosque was completely destroyed. Traces left by bullets and shells could be seen on walls, doors, and in the fragments of windows left intact. Even lamps, air-conditioners and fans were twisted into rubble.

To get inside I had to walk around the mosque to the Ash-Shamiyah side to the building and enter the underground passage adjacent to the Mecca Hotel.

Outside were a number of tanks and anti-aircraft troops, and the shell of a burned jeep, filled with bullet holes. Also in the area were a number of pipe outlets — apparently the ones used by the security forces in their efforts to flood out the renegades.

From this point, before going downstairs, I could see the tall minarets of the mosque, in which snipers had hidden to command all approaches to the Holy Haram, and from which they had directed a hail of fire at any-

thing that moved. Traces of the fighting could be seen all over the minarets, including broken columns on their outsides, victims of the battle.

Along the wall of the mosque, some of the gates had been completely destroyed, and all of the staircases and ramps leading to the upper floors had collapsed under the weight of armored cars and half-tracks which had been run up them during the assault on the renegades.

Controlling my emotions at seeing the damage, I walked through the passageway to the underground tunnel leading into the basement rooms. I almost fainted in the thick smoke which was still hanging in the air after the early morning assault on the last renegades.

As I walked through the tunnels, I was shocked to see that not even copies of the Holy Koran had been spared by the attackers. They had ripped them from the bookshelves of the mosque and set fire to many of them, and there were portions of the holy books lying throughout the basement.

I asked an officer to allow me to proceed deeper into the mosque, but he refused, saying I'd have to wait for one of the assault commanders to allow me inside. One soon appeared, wearing a gas mask and cradling a submachinegun under his arm.

I could walk around for a bit, he said, but not too long. There were still live bombs planted by the renegades in the basement, and they might go off at any moment, he warned.

Further down, the floor was covered with water up to my knees, and everywhere there was the evidence of the morning's battle. Columns which had been delicately faced with marble were now stripped of that glistening mineral and everywhere bent and pockmarked with bullets.

Flanking each of the smaller corridors in the basement were the tiny cubicles where the renegades had hidden out during the final days of the siege, each equipped with a mattress and baskets of dates and plastic bottles of water.

As I turned to walk out, I noticed the renegades had placed barbed wire on the staircases leading from the cellar to the Holy Haram to prevent soldiers from reaching the underground areas. But that tactic, like the rest of their actions, had failed.

In the courtyard of the Haram, despite the fact that all of the gunmen had been arrested, a full complement of security forces from all branches of the Saudi services were still on guard.

And then I noticed, in the center of it all, there stood the Holy Kaaba — untouched, by I don't know what kind of miracle. I gave thanks to God that the incident was over.

Israel reverses decision Nablus hails mayor's return

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Under strong international pressure, Israel on Wednesday reversed a decision to deport Bassam Shakaa, the Palestinian nationalist mayor of the West Bank's largest town.

Several thousand people turned out to witness Shakaa's triumphal return to Nablus, welcoming him with Arabic chants, honking horns and a shower of rose petals. Shakaa had been imprisoned for 25 days while he waged a legal battle against the government's expulsion order.

Shakaa said he was "very, very happy" to be free and said he was back as mayor "today, from now." Israel's decision eased tension in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 29 mayors and many more town councilmen resigned in protest and general strikes were held. Sporadic violence erupted as youths stoned Israeli cars during the past weeks.

Fears of a widespread eruption of violence were behind international appeals to Israel. The United States and Egypt urged that the deportation be rescinded, and both the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly also passed resolutions supporting Shakaa.

The decision to deport the firebrand mayor was made by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet.

Thousands of persons surged into the streets of Nablus when the news was announced, and when Shakaa appeared they chanted, "In fire and blood we redeemed you, Bassam." Shakaa then went to his home where he was hugged and kissed by relatives and friends.

The governor, Brig. Gen. Binyamin Eliezer, told reporters at West Bank headquarters that Shakaa was freed on condition that "his functions will be limited to municipal matters."

"I sincerely hope that this decision of mine will contribute to a deepening of the understanding between us in the spirit of the process of peace in which we are now involved," Ben Eliezer said.

Egypt had strongly condemned Israel's early November decision to deport Shakaa as an obstacle to the peace talks and urged Israel to reverse it.

An indication of just how important the decision was for the Egyptians came in a report by the Middle East News Agency. It said news of the Israeli cancellation order was relayed to Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali by his Israeli counterpart Gen. Ezer Weizman through a "hot line" linking the two ministries. This was the first reported use of their telephone line.

U.S. to halt operations at Libya embassy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The United States has decided to suspend operations at its embassy in Libya until President Muammar Qaddafi's government agrees to pay for damage caused by demonstrators, it was learned Wednesday. In the interim, the 10 American diplomats in the country will remain at their post. Technically, relations have not been cut.

But they could be, a U.S. official said, if the Libyan government does not accept responsibility for the attack on the embassy last Sunday.

Some of the demonstrators carried placards supporting Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader of Iran.

All of the Americans in the Tripoli embassy escaped from the demonstrators unharmed.

The Libyan Foreign Ministry apologized on Monday for the incident, but the American government rejected the apology as "inadequate," in part because the Libyans did not offer to pay for the damage.

U.S. officials implied the Libyan government had supported the attack, and relations with Libya were said to be under "active review."



King Khaled

Iran to send volunteers to S. Lebanon

TEHRAN, Dec. 5 (R) — An Iranian religious leader announced Wednesday that he would send thousands of volunteers to Southern Lebanon soon to fight alongside Palestinian commandos — whether the Lebanese government liked it or not.

Hojatolislam Muhammad Montazari told Reuters that 1,700 volunteers had been issued passports and were ready to leave to join Palestinian commandos fight Israel.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Organization of Islamic Republican Masses, announced separately that the first 1,000 of at least 10,000 volunteers for Southern Lebanon would leave for next Saturday.

Asked whether the volunteers had been given the necessary visas, Hojatolislam Montazari said: "We have decided that these people will be in Lebanon. If that country doesn't want to give them visas, we will enter by force."

Hojatolislam Montazari is a senior Muslim clergyman who made headlines last June when he arrived at Tehran airport with some 500 supporters and demanded an aircraft to fly to the Libyan Jamahiriyah to take part in its anniversary celebrations.

He told Reuters that Syrian officials had promised transit visas for his volunteers and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had agreed to their dispatch.

But sources in Tehran close to the PLO said that the commando organization, currently engaged in a campaign to win diplomatic and political support in the West, was not involved in the Hojatolislam's volunteer project.

The Palestinians have said in the past that they had no need for outside help against Israel and its right-wing Lebanese allies in the South.

Hojatolislam Montazari, who has close and cordial relations with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, said Wednesday he had originally planned to send his volunteers fully armed but later changed his mind "since weapons are available in that country."

He gave no specific date for the dispatch of the volunteers.

Southern Lebanon is a major flashpoint in the Arab-Israeli conflict. An alliance of Lebanese nationalist and Palestinian commandos have been fighting Israeli-backed rightists since full-scale civil war ended in the rest of the country in November 1976.

The Hojatolislam's announcement came against the background of reports of fresh fighting in the Lebanese South.

Residents of the Southern Lebanese Port of Sidon reported Wednesday that the market town of Nabatiyah and four nearby villages had come under heavy artillery fire from rightist positions, damaging eight houses.

All travelers except Syrians need entry visas for Lebanon.

The regulation was imposed in 1978 after Iraq sent a volunteer force to Southern Lebanon although the Beirut government left little doubt it viewed them with unease and discomfort.

'Expected Mahdi' found dead King thanks God for end to siege

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — King Khaled Wednesday thanked God for His support in crushing the "seditious act of sacrilege" by the renegades who attacked the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

In a special message broadcast Wednesday night the King denounced the renegades and "their sacrilegious act of desecrating the House of God, terrorizing innocent worshippers and shedding blood in the Holy Places."

His message came about 12 hours after Interior Minister Prince Naif announced Wednesday morning that the body of the self-styled "expected Mahdi" who led the renegades had been found in the rubble underneath the mosque.

The leader, Muhammad ibn Abdullah Qahatani, had been killed in the fighting which led to the recapture of the mosque's basement early Tuesday, but his body was not identified for another day.

In his message to the people of Saudi Arabia Wednesday night King Khaled said it is the duty of every Muslim "to keep the Holy Land secure, pure and safe. We are honored by God to serve the Holy Places."

"While praising and thanking God I pray to Him to enable us to do whatever we can to please Him and avoid that which displeases Him, and to ward off the evil deeds of bad people, and their trickery and mischief," the King said.

He praised the spirit of the people of Saudi Arabia and their support for the government by word and deed which "makes us very proud of them indeed."

He paid special tribute to the courage shown by the people of Mecca during the crisis "and their feelings of solidarity and cooperation with the armed forces which made the job of the soldiers easier and more successful."

And King Khaled also thanked the authorities and the officers and soldiers of the armed forces for their bravery in the fighting. "Those who lost their lives in suppressing the insurrection and ridding the Islamic world of this are martyrs in the service of God."

The King also thanked world leaders — particularly those from Islamic countries — for their messages of solidarity and their denunciations of the renegades' action.

"I hope those who sent us their messages and expressed their sentiments will take this message as a letter of thanks," he added.

He appealed to God to uphold His religion and to extend security, peace and prosperity to the Holy Land and to the rest of the Islamic world.

Earlier, after the announcement of the

death of Qahatani, Prince Naif and Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz inspected clean-up and repair operations at the site of the Grand Mosque.

They urged those involved to redouble their efforts to eradicate all traces of the attack by the renegades so that the Holy Haram can be used for prayers again as quickly as possible.

In his television address to the Kingdom Tuesday night after the completion of operations at the mosque earlier in the day Prince Naif announced that 170 of the renegades — including military leader Juhaiman Al-Otaibi — had been captured and 75 of the group had been killed in the fighting.

Saudi troops suffered 60 killed and 200 wounded during the two-week siege, he said. At the time he said that security forces expected to find Qahatani among the dead or wounded, but had not yet done so. Wednesday morning he said the body was identified among the dead.

Qahatani and his followers had stormed the Grand Mosque during early morning prayers on Nov. 20 and held out in the upper floors until Nov. 25, when they were forced to retreat into the maze of passages and tiny rooms in the basement. At 1:30 a.m. Tuesday the last of them was captured by a task force led by Brig. Gen. Faleh Muhammad Al-Dhahiri.

Al-Dhahiri said Wednesday that the operation to clear them out of the basement had been carried out in record time.

"If one takes into consideration the fortifications erected by the renegades and the time it has taken for similar operations to be carried out abroad, the time element here was truly remarkable," he said.

Abdullah meets U.S. ambassador

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah Wednesday met U.S. Ambassador John West.

They discussed ways of promoting relations between their two countries. The meetings was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwajiri, the assistant deputy commander of the National Guard.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Prince Sultan arrived in Riyadh Wednesday after supervising the successful military operation against the renegades in Mecca.

'Ex-Shah must stand for trial'

Students dismiss U.N. call

TEHRAN, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Students occupying the U.S. embassy here Wednesday, dismissed a United Nations call for the release of 50 hostages as an American-dictated exercise and said they would not be freed unless the former Shah returned to Iran.

The students stormed the embassy on Nov. 4 to press demands for the extradition of the ousted Shah to stand trial here for crimes he is alleged to have committed during his rule.

"As we have already said, we do not recognize the Security Council," a spokesman for the students said in response to the council's call for the release of the hostages.

He added Tuesday's resolution had been "prescribed under the pressure of America."

Commenting on the 15-member council's call on the United States and Iran to resolve differences peacefully, the spokesman told Reuters: "Peaceful measures mean the extradition of the Shah."

"The crisis will not be solved unless the Shah is returned to Iran," he added.

Ibrahim Mokalla, chief spokesman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry said that the U.N. resolution would have to be discussed by the 15-member revolutionary council.

The students enjoy the backing of Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who has repeatedly declared that the hostages would be tried for espionage unless the U.S. agreed to hand over the Shah.

In New York David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, co-signed for the medical bill of the former Shah of Iran at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The Daily News reported Wednesday.

According to the New York newspaper, the hospital has only received half of the \$100,000 bill the Shah incurred during his stay.

In another development Iraq threatened Wednesday to pull out its diplomatic and consular missions from Tehran unless the Iranian government ended alleged attacks on the Iraqi embassy and Iraqi diplomats, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

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Dammam-Riyadh railroad track completed

DAMMAM, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Work on a 170-kilometer stretch of the railroad in the new project of the 320 kilometer line between Dammam and Riyadh has been completed, it was announced here Wednesday.

The overall cost of the whole project has been estimated at SR283 million.

Director of the Saudi Government Railroad Organization Sheikh Faisal Al-Shehail said that the goods terminal now being built in Riyadh's customs zone is about to be completed. The SR240 million terminal has open yards, covered warehouses and huge cold storage facilities, he said.

Shehail said a new vocational training

center, built in Dammam at a cost of SR12 million, is to operate on modern training methods and with modern equipment. He added that a SR14 million railway wireless and telecommunications network between Dammam and Riyadh was also nearing completion.

A recreational center for railroad employees has recently been opened in Dammam, built for SR8 million, he added.

The upgrading of the Dammam to Riyadh track, the Kingdom's only railway line, is being carried out by the Italian consultants Technital. The line was originally built by Bechtel of the United States for King Abdul

Aziz, paid for by Aramco. Earlier this year it acquired a SR4 million Swiss engine, built by Schindler-Schieren, it can carry 1,000 passengers in its 18 coaches. There are segregated compartments for Muslim women.

The announcement by Shehail coincides with a meeting in Jeddah of the technical committee of the Tripartite Committee for the Re-commissioning of the Hejaz Railway. The committee, made up of deputy ministers of transport or communications from Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan, is examining bids for feasibility studies on reviving the line from Damascus to Medina, thus linking the Kingdom to the European network.

King sent congratulations on ending siege of mosque

MECCA, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Supreme Council of Mosques and of the Muslim World League has congratulated King Khaled on the clearing of the Holy Haram of the gang of renegades that attacked and occupied it two weeks ago.

Harakan has also sent congratulatory messages to Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation; Prince Naif, minister of the interior and Prince Fawaz, governor of Mecca.

In his cable to the King, Harakan said: "On my behalf and

on behalf of the members of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, I offer you our sincerest greetings, asking God to perpetuate his blessings of peace and prosperity on this country. May God enable us to keep His word aloft, to follow the path of the Holy Prophet and to enforce the Sharia. May God bestow on your Majesty everlasting glory, victory and success."

He expressed similar sentiments in a separate telegram to the Crown Prince.

Harakan said, to Prince Abdullah "I congratulate you on being able to eliminate this rebellious group, to preserve peace and to protect the Holy places from sac-

ilege. I pray to God to bestow enduring peace and prosperity on this country."

Meanwhile, thousands of congratulatory messages have continued pouring in from officials and the general public denouncing the sacrilege at the Holy Haram, expressing joy over the restoration of peace and tranquillity to the Holy Place and appreciating the wise manner in which the authorities successfully handled so difficult a situation.



Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan

Haql desalination plant dedication set Saturday

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The minister of agriculture and water and chairman of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, will dedicate Saturday the first phase of the Haql desalination project. The plant will produce 120,000 gallons a day of drinking water.

It has cost SR42 million and was built in 18 months. General Direc-

tor of SWCC for the Western Region Abdul Aziz Nassif said Wednesday. The plant has been designed to international specifications.

The Environment Health Committee of the Eastern Province has meanwhile agreed to build water purification plants in Safwa and Oljiam worth SR11 millions.

It awarded a contract for house connections to the water network in a limited income area in Oatiff. The SR600,000 contract was won by a Saudi Arabian company.

The committee met Tuesday under Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the chairman of the committee and general director of municipal and rural affairs in the Eastern Province. It discussed a possible drainage and sewage network for Iyran and a water network for Umran, which includes house connections.

Crooked Taif traders fined

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif has fined four traders from Taif for overcharging and failing to display prices. They have to forfeit SR9,000 and publish their punishment in the local press, at their own expense. On top of that, one merchant had his shop closed.

WEATHER

It will be sunny to partly cloudy in the western region, and temperatures will rise slightly in the northern and central regions. Cloud will cover some parts of the country and there may be scattered thunderstorms.

Winds will be variable and moderate to active. They will be southerly to south-westerly in the northern and central regions, and southerly to northerly in the western region.

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Jeddah	33	22	Wajh	23	18
Riyadh	24	09	Turaif	18	05
Dhahran	24	09	Arar	20	02
Medina	25	16	Sulayyil	24	07
Taif	25	10	Abha	23	06

Jerusalem mayor lashes Israeli terrorism

LONDON, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Occupied Jerusalem Mayor Roohi Al-Khatib has condemned what he called terrorism since 1967 to Judaize the city. He drew attention to Israeli legislation and military as well as administrative measures.

In an address to the International Seminar on Jerusalem, here Tuesday, Khatib described the Israeli actions as a clear violation of Geneva Conventions, the International Declaration of Human Rights and resolutions of the United Nations.

The Israeli measures were based on aggression on Arab rights, encouragement to Jewish immigration, their resettlement in occupied Jerusalem, expulsion of the Arabs and confiscation of their property, he said.

Khatib added that the Israeli plan included the expulsion of the Arabs, mainly religious men, doctors, lawyers, farmers and students, and the imposition of Jewish educational system on Palestinian territories.

He dwelled on the contemporary history of Jerusalem and explained the dimensions of the conspiracy toward the Judaization of the city since the Balfour Declaration of 1917 that had allowed the Jews a "homeland" in Palestine.

Khatib said the Jewish population in Jerusalem increased from 10,000 people in 1918 to 100,000 in 1948. He added that the establishment of Israel after the 1948 war and the partition of Jerusalem resulted in the occupation of nearly eight percent of the city by the Jews and the expulsion of

60,000 Muslim and Christian Arabs from Palestine, and the confiscation of their properties in favor of the Jewish immigrants.

A Jew Tuesday told the conference that no just peace will be possible in the Middle East as long as the Zionist state existed, as it is

a racist entity.

Dr. Mezvinsky of Connecticut University in the United States, the sole Jewish participant in the seminar, said that the establishment of Israel was a human tragedy, because it took place at the expense of the Palestinian

people.

Another speaker, Reeve Humphrey Walter, an expert on Middle East affairs, said that the Palestinians should not bear the consequences of the genocide of the Jews by Nazis.

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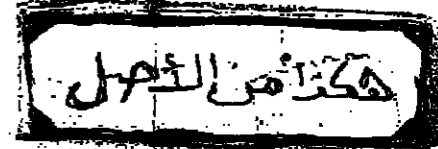
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Iran asset freeze irrelevant to OPEC, Yamani asserts

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani says that President Carter's freezing of Iranian government assets in the United States will have no effect on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

He told *Al-Jedrah* in an interview published Wednesday that the move was entirely political, having nothing to do with oil. Its implications were political and OPEC was not a political organization and had nothing to do with the matter.

Carter froze Iranian assets last month in anticipation of their withdrawal by Iran, in the crisis over the occupation and taking of hostages in the American embassy in Tehran. Although Kuwait has criticized the action, there has been no official Saudi Arabian action.

He said that the possibility of placing the dollar as the unit of account in oil pricing if it fell further as discussed by OPEC's Long-range Strategy Committee which met in Dhahran this week.

But, he added, the issue was not new for OPEC. In the past, the organization had thought sometimes of using the dollar, sometimes gold. Then decided on dollars only, then a basket of currencies, then it swung back to the dollar, then it pondered using the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights. But the decision was never implemented, for specific reasons on the part of some member states.

He said that OPEC might or might not resort to a basket of strong currencies alongside the dollar, but this would not be motivated by oil price rise considerations as much as by a desire to protect member states from currency fluctuations.

He also felt that rises in oil prices did not provide inflation. Inflation was owing to internal economic factors in each country.

To prove his point, Sheikh Ahmad said that countries like Japan and Germany imported larger quantities of oil than the United States; despite this fact, the rate of inflation in the former was lower.

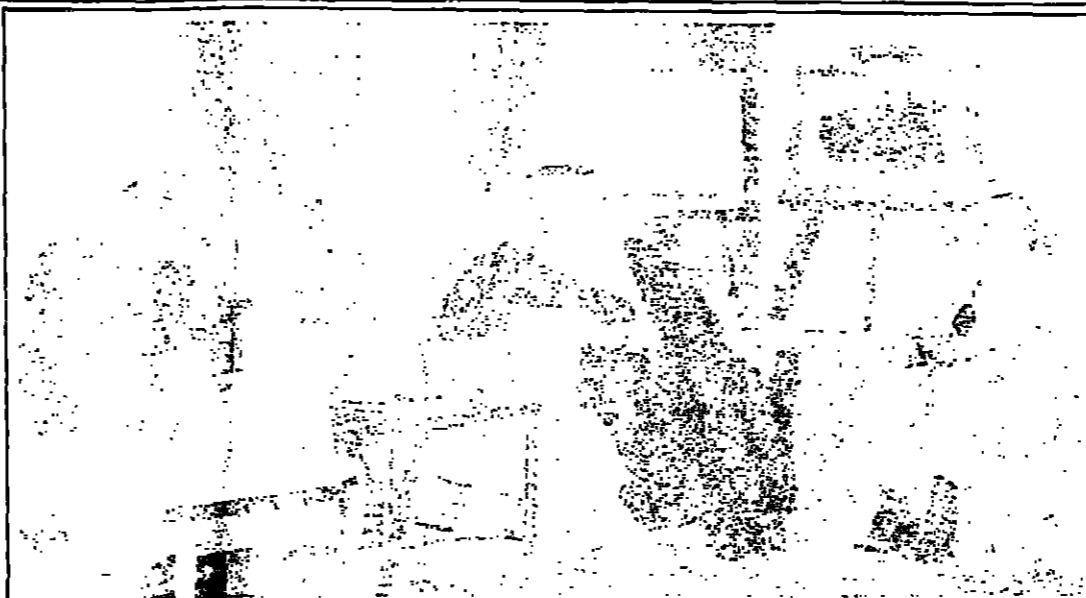
The United States bought only half of its petroleum requirements and at a price lower than the one paid by Japan and Germany, too.

Another example, he said, was Britain. That country now imported only a small part of its oil needs and produced the rest locally; nonetheless inflation in Britain was extremely high, if compared with Japan or West Germany.

Sheikh Ahmad regretted that some OPEC members were selling their oil on the spot market, a matter which, he said, had to stop, though the organization alone could not control it. But he said such conditions might disappear altogether when the balance of supply and demand is more equal.

He also said oil will remain the principal energy source for the near future. No alternative was in sight.

"Even though the day would come when the importance of oil will decrease as an energy source, it would continue to be a major input for chemical and petrochemical industries."



AUDIENCE: Crown Prince Fahd receives Vice-President of North Yemen Qadhi Abdul Karim Arashi. On his right is Abdullah Asnaq, political adviser to President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Arashi delivered a message to King Khalid from Saleh strongly condemning the attack on the Holy Haram. Arashi and his party left the country Wednesday morning for home.

Saudi Comment

By Hassan Abdul Huiy Gazzaz
Al-Medina

We ought to examine the reasons for the attack on the Holy Haram in Mecca; religious, social, moral and behavioral. Although I do not possess sufficient academic qualifications and knowledge, I might suggest the social conditions and the patent differences among people as a possible root, regardless of the economic and financial involvement of private and public sectors throughout society without discrimination.

Unlike those who exaggerated the religious aspects of the event, I do not believe that this group of renegades resorting to murder and sacrilege in the Holy Land constitute any danger that might spread. But we can certainly eradicate it by education and through our own religion, which has enough to enrich the soul and guide us to the right path.

From the social point of view, I have already indicated the importance of raising living standards, especially those of the poorer classes, in order to provide them with the right educational, moral, cultural, living and housing conditions to make them better citizens and members of society.

These groups, which have been with us for so many years, can be easily identified and studied, in order to guide them as our religion has urged us to do.

Our government has already been doing something in that direction by helping the people to improve their lot through social insurance and loans to build houses, open hospitals, get married or open a business, as well as subsidies to food, agriculture and industry.

In this way we shall be able to protect our youth from deviates like this renegade group, which has committed the most heinous crime in history.

Our young people deserve protection because they are raw material for being good and doing good. But if they are neglected they might be vulnerable to the immoral and the deviate, who would lead them astray not only in the wrong direction in religion but in other disturbing moral directions. These include Communists and Zionists, because of their intense hostility to us and to our religion, beliefs and Sharia.

It is true that we have institutions for social welfare, but their job is different from the one we have in mind. If they are to be assigned new responsibilities they should be provided with qualified and well trained personnel, and it will do no harm to study the experiences of other societies to select the best and the most suitable methods for our religious, social and traditional heritage.

Next time I hope to write about the feasibility of establishing a ministry of culture and social guidance as the nucleus for containing all those methods to create a good society. I do hope that specialists in social service and social education will take part in this discussion. Crown Prince Fahd has said that "we should first build the man."

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From Saturday SAPTCO expands Riyadh services

RIYADH, Dec. 5 — The Saudi Public Transport Company is beginning a new bus service here, from Khurais Road to Eishah. It is also to expand the existing Route Two to serve a wider area of Riyadh.

Both changes take effect SAPTCO said in a statement.

Route Six begins at the Khurais Roundabout in front of the King Faisal Air Force Base and ends at the West Campus of the University of Riyadh in the Eishah district. Route Two has been changed from its present line and now will operate on Television Street instead of Khazzan Street. Passengers along Khazzan Street who now use Route Two will be able to use Route Six with no

reduction of service.

Route Six travels south on Hasa Street, turns onto Arbaeen and then to Mutlak ibn Ojayan Street near the Riyadh Zoo and the stadium. It then turns right on Jarer Street to Sitten Street. From Sitten, it goes onto University Street, then continues south on Makaan Street, before going onto Janoub Street at the Royal Technical Institute.

At the Water Tower, Route Six goes south on Wazir Street to Khazzan Street, follows Khazzan west, turns right on ibn Muhammad Street, then west on Television Street past the Ministry of Information and the new Television Center to the University of Riyadh's Agricultural, Commerce

and Engineering Colleges, to terminate at Hizam Street. It returns to the Khurais roundabout by the same route, except for Batha in the city center.

In the Sinaayah area, Route Two has been extended two kilometers to the south and east. From the industrial area, it moves along Imam Faisal ibn Turki Street to the city center, via Batha to Nasiriyah and then to Television Street, turning left onto Assarat and south to Shemaisi Jadeed, then right past the Shemaisi General hospital on Hail Street to terminate at Eishah Traffic Center. It returns to Al Sinaayah by the same route, using Television Street and Wazir Street.

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W. Europe to call on PLO, Israel to settle differences

PARIS, Dec. 5 (R) — The seven-nation Western European Union has voted to urge both Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to take immediate steps toward settling their differences.

The parliamentary assembly of the union, which groups Britain and the six original European Common Market countries in a defense pact, Tuesday called on its member governments to urge Israel to start negotiating with Palestinian people's representatives for self-determination on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

It also asked its members to call on the PLO to declare its acceptance of an independent Israeli state within internationally agreed and defined borders.

The assembly can make recommendations to member governments but its functions are limited to consultation and advice.

Introducing a debate on the Middle East situation before the recommendation was adopted by a show of hands, British Conservative member of parliament Sir Francis Bennett said that like the Jews, the Palestinian people want a homeland.

What he called the "hottest potato" of all Middle East problems was the Egyptian-Israeli peace settlement. The Camp

David agreement had to be applauded as an end to military conflict between two countries, Bennett said.

But, he added: "it is folly to imagine that this agreement has in any way settled the burning issue of the future of the Palestinian people. They have established themselves in considerable positions of influence throughout the Arab world and the Gulf states."

Bennett said that the Palestinians, "like the Jews ... want a homeland even if many of them do not actually wish to live there. No solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict could come about unless the Palestinian people are allowed to decide their future for themselves and not by negotiations with other foreign powers."

British Labor member of parliament Maurice Miller claimed that Bennett's report was "highly selective and shot through with inaccuracies."

He said: "Since when, for example, did Jordan cease to be part of the original British mandate of Palestine? Jordan is part of Palestine. Jordan is two-thirds of Palestine. Jordan is, therefore, an independent Palestinian state, and the other independent Palestinian state, for the benefit of those who perhaps do not recognize it, is Israel."

Japan seeking closer contacts with PLO

TOKYO, Dec. 5 (AP) — Japan is stepping up contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Foreign Minister Saburo Okita said Tuesday "our policy now is to emphasize contacts with the PLO, who are the representatives of the Palestinian people."

Okita told the budget committee of the Japanese parliament: "I have instructed our embassies abroad to pursue closer contacts with the PLO than they have until now."

A foreign ministry spokesman confirmed Wednesday that the Japanese ambassador to the United Arab Emirates last month met with the top PLO representative in Abu Dhabi at the behest of UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba, who is chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

During a visit to Japan in October, Oteiba asked Prime

Minister Masayoshi Ohira to pursue closer relations with the PLO. At the time of the 1974 oil crisis, Oteiba was a prominent advocate of using oil as a weapon against Israel.

A foreign ministry spokesman, however, denied Japanese newspaper reports that the government will give virtual recognition to the PLO and treat Yasser Arafat as a head of state when he visits Japan.

"Arafat's invitation to Japan has been arranged by a private group," the spokesman said. "Arafat will be given all courtesies that have been provided for previous PLO visitors but he will not be treated as the representative of a country."

Arafat and other PLO leaders have been invited to Japan by a parliamentary group made up mostly of ruling party parliament members. The date of the visit has not been fixed.

Bangladesh seeks talks with India

DACCA, Dec. 5 (AP) — Bangladesh has proposed an immediate meeting with India aimed at stopping six weeks of firing along their border in a dispute over border crops. Bangladesh proposed a meeting of heads of border security forces or higher authorities over the shooting at Muhurichar in the Belonia sector, Noakali district about 240 kilometers from Dacca.

Soviet role in Kabul said growing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Soviet military advisers are becoming more deeply involved in the Afghan civil war, but there is no proof they are directly engaged in combat, the U.S. State Department has said. Spokesman Hodding Carter said Tuesday the number of military advisers has risen in recent months to 3,500—4,000. He said the department cannot rule out the possibility that Soviet pilots are flying combat missions for the Soviets.

BA suspends flights to Iran

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — British Airways Tuesday announced it had suspended all flights to Iran and was re-routing other services to avoid Iranian airspace because of communications difficulties. An airline spokesman said pilots were faced with serious problems in communication with air-traffic controllers.

2 Ethiopian towns claimed by EPLF

KHARTOUM, Dec. 5 (AP) — The secessionist Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) claimed Tuesday its forces have captured the strategic towns of Amba Denden and Harens in the second day of an all-out offensive they launched on Ethiopia's northern Sahel province. A EPLF statement issued here said three Ethiopian brigades were "completely crushed" and an undisclosed number of tanks, armored cars, trucks and artillery pieces were captured.

Somali front claims anti-Barre war

NAIROBI, Dec. 5 (AP) — A Somali organization calling itself the "Somali Salvation Front" has claimed that its forces are engaged in a war against troops of Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre. The claim was made in a communique broadcast by the front Tuesday night on Ethiopia radio.

U.S. dissatisfied with U.N. Mideast debate

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 5 (AP) — The United States said Tuesday it was disappointed at the tenor of the U.N. General Assembly's current debate on the Middle East, and Israel charged that the debate was being misused by its adversaries for "relentless political warfare against Israel."

U.S. delegate Howard Rosen, expressing disappointment at the statements made in the debate, complained that they had given the impression "that no progress had been made in the search for a comprehensive peace."

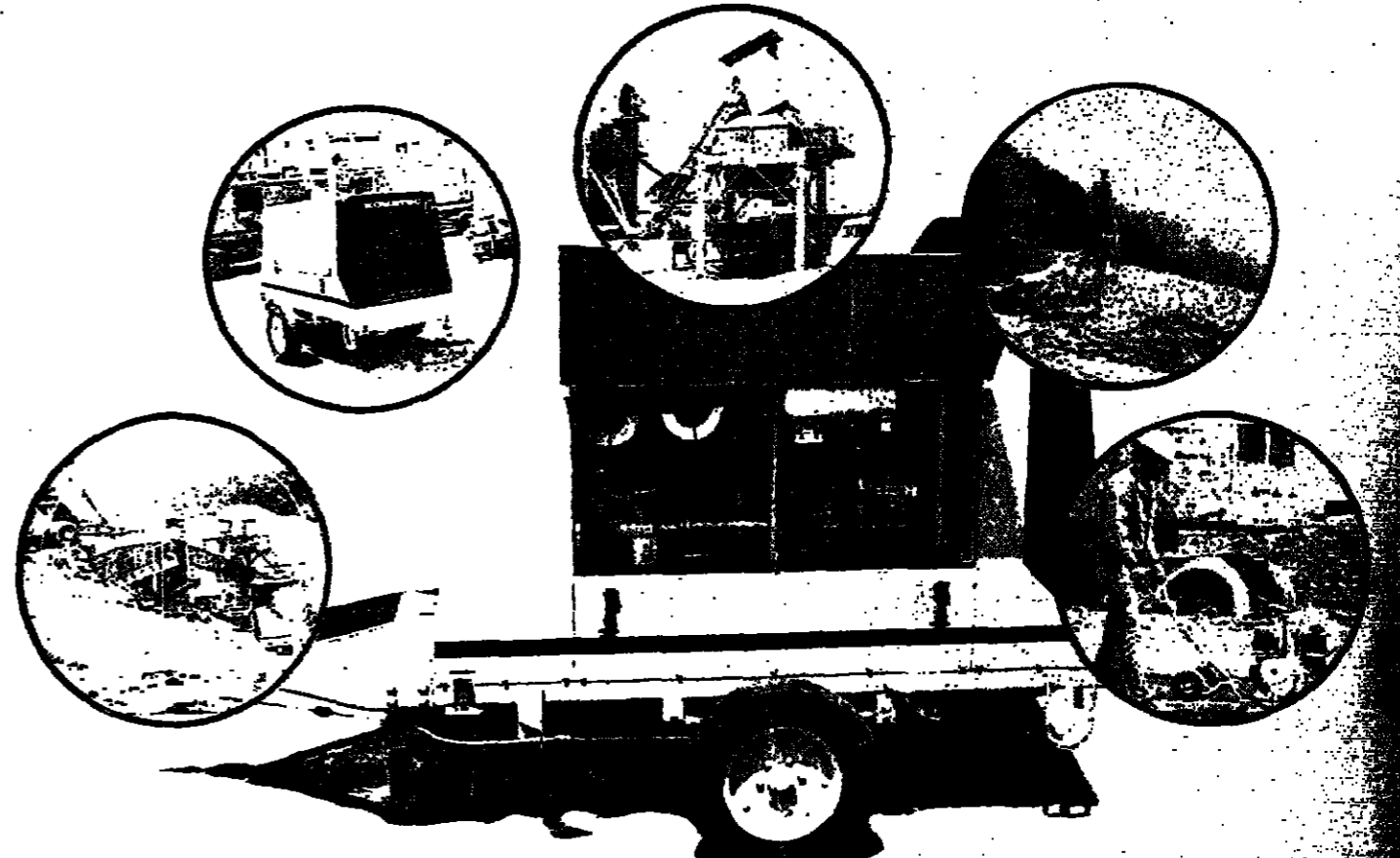
And Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum claimed that "belligerent and one-sided resolutions" adopted in the assembly's successive annual debates on Palestine and the Middle East "constitute

today one of the major manifestations of opposition to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East."

Blum noted that Israeli and Egyptian committees were negotiating "on the principle of autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza district to be exercised through a self-governing administrative council."

Rosen said: "The target date for completion of the talks is next May 25. My government continues to hope, together with the governments of Egypt and Israel, that it will be possible for Palestinian representatives to take part in these talks, together with those of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

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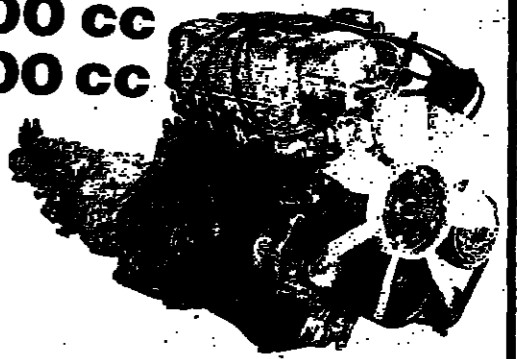
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An entomologist's terra incognita

By ROSALIND INGRAMS

RIYADH — "From the zoological point of view, Saudi Arabia is terra incognita or nearly so." These words are pronounced with zest by the distinguished entomologist, Dr. Wilhelm Buttiker, Senior Research Biologist with Ciba-Geigy, the Swiss chemical group.

Insects though the term is not technically correct, are his passion, and hundreds of them have been discovered and named both by him and after him. The creatures he studies make up by far the greater proportion of all living things. Despite the attentions of scientists, thousands of them remain to be discovered and classified.

Dr. Buttiker has worked all over the world, but finds his post in Riyadh, where he has been since 1975, one of the most rewarding because of the immense scope for research. He joined Ciba-Geigy in 1958 and before

that he worked for the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization on their program for the eradication of malaria in the Far East. During this work he discovered a strange new parasite in Cambodia in 1957. This was an eye-frequenting moth found living off fluids in the eyes of cattle and other creatures, and causing diseases in their hosts. This find aroused in him a deep

the medical point of view. Many diseases endemic in Asia Sore, are directly caused by insects. Flies, for instance are the cause of trachoma, endemic in many places, and sandflies are vectors of Oriental Sore, a disease which can be fatal. At the moment, Dr. Buttiker is particularly engaged on ticks, a nuisance to man and beast. The Doctor's collections are vast. Periodically he sends them

The equipment is carefully packed, the fly-catching tent, nets, bottles, syringes, microscopes, and they are off.

interest in parasitology, which he has pursued ever since, although not exclusively.

The specific area of interest for Buttiker in Saudi Arabia is the discovery and understanding of insects and their behaviour from

back to his colleague Professor Wittmer or the Basic Natural History Museum. Prof. Wittmer then distributes them to waiting experts. The creatures are of course gathered "in the field" — that quaintly misleading expres-

sion summoning visions of waving grasses. Mention of desert trips brings a joyful gleam to his eye, and his wife, Sonia, is just as enthusiastic about their adventurous life. Many women in the Kingdom must envy her the opportunities of exploration into remote and beautiful corners of this fascinating country, far from the claustrophobia of town life. At least once a month the sturdy four-wheel drive vehicle is loaded up, the equipment is carefully packed, the fly-catching tent, nets, bottles, syringes, microscopes, and they are off. In spite of some scientific attention in the past, there is still an enormous amount of work to be done here. Some of the great travellers such as Bertram Thomas and St. John Philby were men of scientific temperament, and collected as they went along, but, of necessity, haphazardly. David Harrison, who studied mammals, Meinertzhagen the ornithologist, and John Gasperetti, the herpetologist, are among the very few who have made systematic zoological studies in Arabia.

Dr. Buttiker and the University of Riyadh (Faculty of Medicine), are naturally, in close touch. He regularly takes on a number of fourth-year students for training and for experience in the field.

How do Saudi students compare with European students on similar projects? "Very well indeed." Their staying power in the field is remarkable. Expeditions generally last a fortnight, and the Saudi students never flag, as so many of my other students have often flagged. They have their own pace, and they do not fancy the sort of miserable canned meals which we foreigners take for granted on trips. No, they take much more trouble over al fresco feasts, and withal never lose their good humour or their diligence for their appointed task. Yes, I enjoy such trips very much indeed."

Dr. Buttiker also travels to Jeddah regularly to lecture at King Abdul Aziz University (Faculty of Science).

In the next few years, Saudi students who have trained with Buttiker will increasingly take their places in such bodies as the Ministries of Health and Planning, and will be taking responsible decisions on public hygiene. Urban control of insect pests has improved out of all recognition in recent years, but there remain many specific problems to tackle.

Very difficult is the control of pests in rural areas since the existence of so many of them is dependent on animals. Domestic animals continue to be a basic feature of rural life in this country, as in almost every other. Yet they attract and support destructive parasites and spreaders of disease. Even in the wide and apparently

empty desert, animals preserve insect life.

How is it that even when one is in the middle of nowhere, in an immense barren waste, flies immediately buzz about one? What had they been doing with themselves before one's arrival?

"Ah," came the immediate reply "that is *musca sorbens*, which is different from *musca domestica* (the housefly). This fly lives on droppings, even the very dry, very stale droppings of desert animals such as goats and camels. But it is peculiarly synanthropic (living-with-man) and haunts all desert inhabitants. It can be a serious contributor to disease among nomad populations."

Not that parasites are the Doctor's only interest: scorpions,

locusts, spiders etc. are all grist to his mill. Already the author of numerous learned articles, Dr. Buttiker has just triumphantly produced Vol I of a most impressive new scientific publication, *Fauna of Saudi Arabia*. This beautifully produced book is a model of its kind. It contains forty contributions, in several languages, from scholars all over the world. Most of these are technical for the layman even to attempt to evaluate. Nevertheless, there are pieces of a more general nature, including the very instructive Introduction by Dr. Buttiker himself, outlining previous research work on physical aspects of the Peninsula. The color photographs are beautiful. Some of the black and white technical illustra-

tions on later pages however, especially enlarged details of jaws, mandibles and hairy-looking feet, should not even be looked at by the impressionable. How fortunate that most of these monsters are small and squashable.

Fauna of Saudi Arabia, which has been produced with the generous co-operation of the Saudi authorities, fills a great gap in the scientific literature of the area. Further volumes are planned over the next ten years, which will not be confined to entomology alone but to every sort of fauna.

Dr. Buttiker's joyous researches in the great terra incognita of Arabia are given a fitting home in the generous and catholic pages of this publication.



Dr. Buttiker in the laboratory

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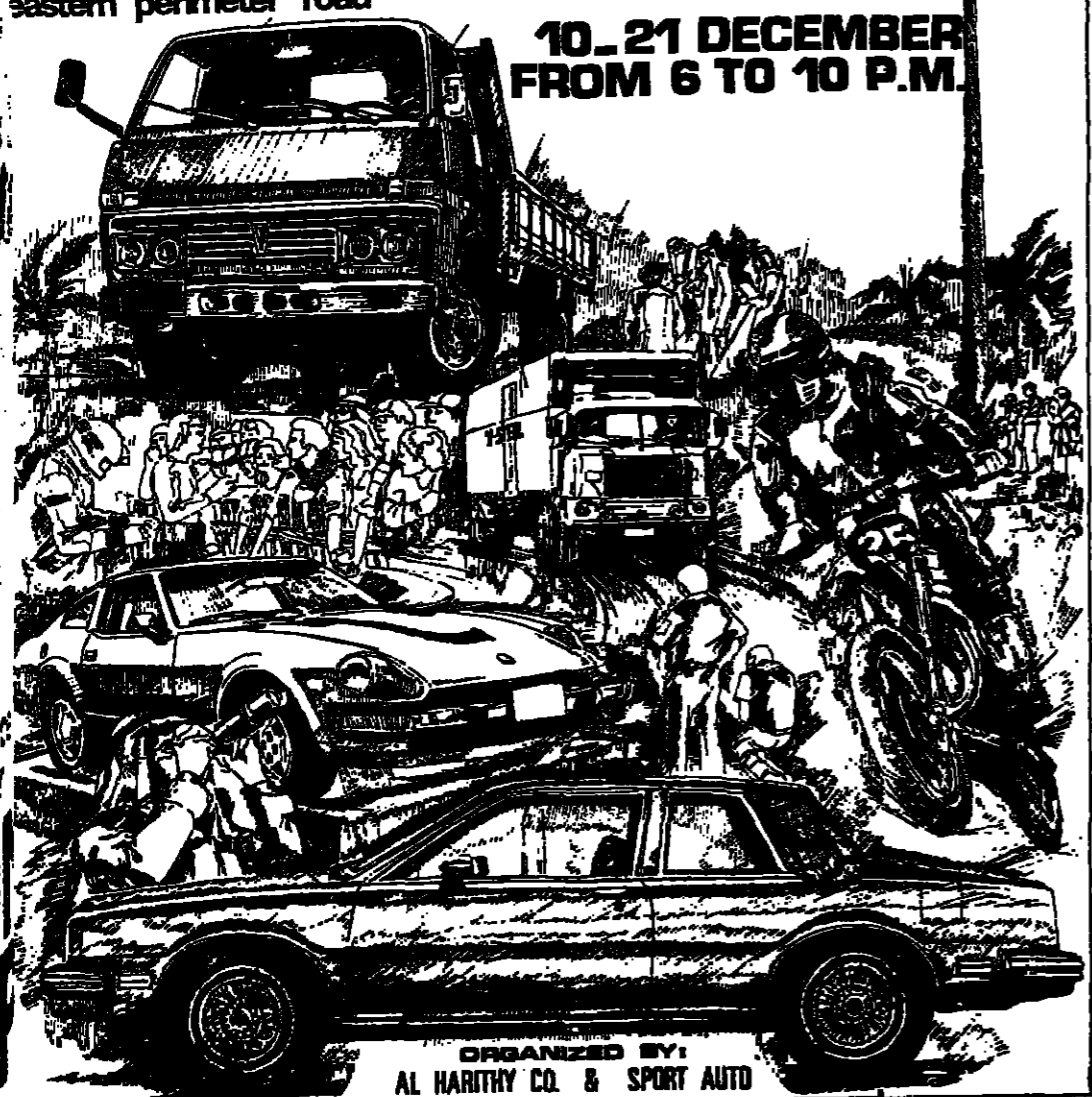
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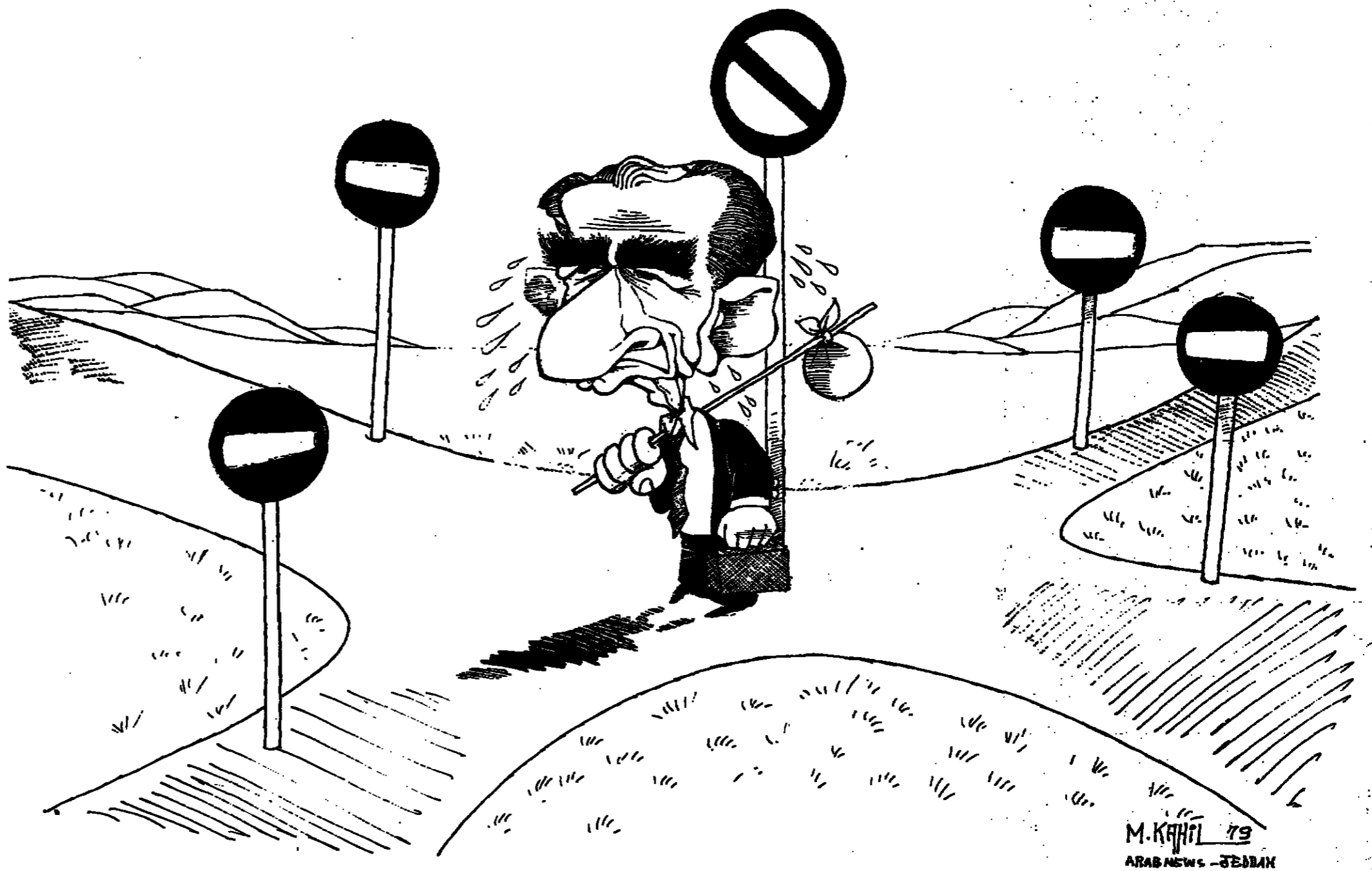
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A campaign where U.S. foreign policy will be central

By Tom Feyer

NEW YORK — The candidates challenging President Jimmy Carter in the 1980 U.S. political campaign charge that he has failed to provide leadership in the world and that the Iranian crisis is only the latest sign of weakness in American foreign policy.

The foreign affairs debate in the presidential campaign, though just beginning, ranges beyond Iran to the Soviet Union, Arab-Israeli peace, defense, trade relations and new partnerships in North America.

But the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran has provided some candidates with the most timely ammunition.

"Let us be respected to the point that never again will a demented dictator dare to invade an American embassy and hold our people hostage," former Governor Ronald Reagan of California, the front-runner for the Republican Party's presidential nomination, declared recently.

A Democratic challenger, Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, stirred up a storm this week by saying the Shah of Iran "ran one of the most violent regimes in the history of mankind." The Carter administration quickly criticized the remark, and Kennedy moved to make clear his support for the president's efforts to get the American hostages in Tehran released.

Republican George Bush, a former director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, has called the Democratic administration's overall policy toward Iran "vacillating and weak" — adjectives many candidates use to describe Carter's foreign policy in general.

But the president claims the United States is "strong, and we are getting stronger, not weaker." He adds that, in any case, it is not America's pur-

pose to dominate the world.

Carter seems aware that the outcome of the Iranian stalemate will significantly affect perceptions of not only his but America's leadership abroad.

On other fronts, Carter's supporters can cite a number of foreign policy accomplishments that they believe bolster his record: the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II), the American-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace accord, the Panama Canal treaties, recognition of the People's Republic of China and Anglo-American initiatives in Southern Africa.

Apart from Iran, SALT and overall relations with the Soviet Union have produced the strongest pronouncements from the candidates to date. Most of the Republican contenders oppose Senate ratification of the arms treaty in its present form.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker has made SALT one of the main foreign policy issues of his campaign. He has called the treaty "unequal" and "outrageous" and suggested that its consideration be linked to Soviet "adventurism" around the world.

Reagan and former Governor John Connally of Texas have assailed Carter's foreign policy as one of "appeasement" of the Soviet Union. Bush has said he would take strong stands against what he considers Moscow's "very aggressive quest for hegemony." But aside from calling for renegotiation of SALT II, few candidates have offered specific suggestions for countering Soviet moves.

Carter's Democratic rivals — Kennedy and Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California — basically agree with the president on SALT and favor its ratification. They have also been less strident than the Republicans in talking about how they would deal with Russia.

Kennedy has said both the United States and the Soviet Union must show "restraint" around the world. Brown has suggested that the leaders of the two nations hold a new kind of summit in which they would "sit down together for a week or two and talk to each other as human beings" to bring an end to "the course of madness."

Linked to the candidates' views of Soviet intentions is their stance on U.S. military spending. The Republicans generally agree that America should spend more on defense and develop such weapons as the B-1 bomber, which Carter opposed.

Kennedy recently voted for a small increase in military spending, supporting the president's policy of expanding such spending by 3 per cent annually above the inflation rate. Now the Carter administration reportedly is prepared to recommend a greater boost — apparently spurred by the Iranian situation and a desire to gain Senate support for the SALT pact.

Brown declared last month, "this is no time to be expanding the defense budget when the cities of America are still decaying."

He and Kennedy oppose deployment of the MX mobile missile — favored by Carter and many of the Republican candidates.

On Arab-Israeli relations, Kennedy last weekend used the Iranian crisis to express sympathy for Israel's refusal to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Kennedy said the United States "must never give terrorism our stamp of approval by openly or covertly dealing with the P.L.O." The Carter administration has explored a means of establishing a dialogue with the P.L.O. without undermining America's traditional support for Israel.

Early in the campaign, Connally sparked controversy with a detailed Middle East peace plan, drawing fire from several Republican rivals and

from some U.S. Jewish groups. He said I should withdraw from virtually all the territories occupied in the 1967 Mideast war and the A. should renounce terrorism and guarantee stable prices.

Connally proposed that the Palestinians of whether they prefer to have the West Bank Gaza Strip governed as an "entirely independent entity" or as an autonomous part of Jordan peace settlement would be guaranteed increased U.S. military presence in the Middle East.

The Texas Republican has also argued the United States should assert itself more forcefully in international dealings, especially trade. He told the Japanese that unless they opened up to American products they'd better be prepared on the docks of Yokohama in their Toyotas.

Most of the candidates express a need to United States to free itself from the price and dictates of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. And some presidential aspirants have come up with proposals to increase U.S. energy with energy-rich Mexico and Canada.

Brown has spoken several times in general about what he calls a "North American Common Market" — most often in connection with a but not exclusively.

Similarly, in declaring his candidacy last week, Reagan called for developing closer economic ties with Canada and Mexico by for a "North American Accord." He did not go specifics except to say that Ottawa and Mexico should send representatives to Washington on high-level planning sessions with us.

He added, "it is time we stopped thinking nearest neighbors as foreigners." — (AP)

AN INFLEXIBLE IMPASSE

Recent information from Iran points to a new hardening of positions on the question of the hostages in the occupied American embassy in Tehran. This has set the whole crisis now back to square one: The Iranian leadership is once more adamant that the price for the hostages is nothing less than the return of the Shah and of all his property outside to Iran.

Although official and popular anger in the United States is still fierce, fed as it is with reports of the mistreatment for the hostages, a few but quite powerful voices are also now being heard, calling on the United States not to involve itself in a hot confrontation with Iran over the fate of one man.

One of these is Senator Edward Kennedy in his recent attack on President Carter's handling of the crisis. But here, beyond the ultimate merit of such a stand, there is an undeniable element of mischief of attempting to score off the administration as a part of the senator's election campaign.

For one thing, the senator has never been a noted opponent of the Shah's misdeeds when he ruled Iran; and there is nothing in his new position which betrays even a hint of a realization, however belated, of this dimension of the problem. It is only that the Shah, having lost his throne, has become an embarrassment for America and a source of threat to its economy.

But whatever gains such a view might make, it is clear that the Carter administration will not permit itself any action which might be construed as conciliatory towards the Iranian leadership. For here a matter of principle is involved, which can accept no justification for hostage taking as a means of conducting international transactions. In addition, Washington holds Ayatollah Khomeini responsible for the wave of anti-Americanism now rampant in the Islamic world.

The American position, it must be noted, is purely negative. Rather than showing a flexible attitude which might convey to the Iranian side an American willingness to concede some points (apart from the main one of extraditing the Shah), it merely stands inflexibly in the face of Iranian demands. There is an element of danger in this. For it makes for an unchecked drift in events towards an outcome in which the safety of the hostages, surely the main concern, becomes seriously jeopardized.

Blame for the Iran crisis lands at Kissinger's door

By Barry May

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger, celebrated for a decade as the darling of the diplomatic world, is now under attack as an architect of the crisis in Iran.

Kissinger's years as master statesman and super diplomat directing and executing U.S. foreign policy under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford are undergoing a degree of reappraisal.

It is nearly three years since Kissinger had any official role in the government.

Yet he is courted for his opinions on the issues of the day and the breadth and depth of his influence in what he calls "semi-public life" is unquestioned. At the age of 56, it is certain that his energies are not yet spent.

Kissinger, former National Security Adviser, former Secretary of State, inventor of shuttle diplomacy winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, possessor

of a cutting wit and gregarious charm, is the nearest thing the United States has to a shadow foreign minister.

His place in history is assured, but because of recent events its context may be revised.

Suddenly, Kissinger is being vilified by some officials and commentators as the prime contributor to the United States' predicament in Iran.

George Ball, an Undersecretary of State under Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, said it most forcefully in blaming Kissinger for the Carter administration's decision to let the deposed Shah of Iran come to the United States for medical treatment.

"Had it not been for Mr. Kissinger and a few others making themselves enormously obnoxious for the administration, trying to force the Shah into this country, maybe we wouldn't even have done it, even for reasons of compassion," Ball said in a television interview.

The ex-Shah's arrival in New York on October 22 sparked fierce reaction in Iran resulting in the capture of the U.S. embassy in Tehran. Militants seized dozens of Americans as hostages for the return of the former ruler to face trial in his homeland.

In a recent speech to a meeting of Republican state governors in Austin, Texas, Kissinger said the American people were sick and tired of being pushed around.

He attacked the Carter administration in this indirect way:

"The disintegration of America's ability to shape events cannot be an accident. The challenges to the United States simultaneously in so many parts of the world did not just happen."

A White House official quoted anonymously in the *Boston Globe* newspaper reacted angrily: "Henry Kissinger is a devious and dishonorable man."

The newspaper also quoted an unidentified State Department official as saying Kissinger threatened, in a meeting with Secretary of Cyrus Vance, to hold the Carter administration accountable for the death of the Shah if he was allowed into the United States for cancer treatment.

Then came further assaults in newspaper editorials and columns.

The *New York Times* described what it called Kissinger's "partisan outburst" over the Iran crisis as repellent.

"If Mr. Kissinger's place in its history ... on wait for President Carter's measured effort relieve the danger, then much more than embassy has already been lost," the newspaper said.

Columnist Anthony Lewis, writing in the *New Yorker*, accused Kissinger of making poor use of the Iranian crisis and of pursuing power personal vindication. — (R)

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

As a Christian who has been working in Jeddah for the past five years, I wish to comment briefly and simply on the recent troubles in Mecca because I believe that the development of this affair is of great significance to foreigners living here.

Realising how very precious and vitally important the Grand Mosque is to every devout Muslim, it seems truly amazing that the crisis was handled so calmly and carefully, and that the Saudi population remained so trusting and well disciplined. Not at any time was there any question of hysteria or panic. Life went on while people knew that those in authority would do all that was necessary and bring the whole tragic matter to a correct conclusion.

It is easy to be philosophical, now that the events are behind us, but I think that every foreigner who lives and works here should be genuinely and sincerely thankful that his safety and happiness are assured in this great Muslim country, even when the holiest of Islam's shrines is threatened by forces whose identity was not clear from the beginning. My thanks go to the people of Saudi Arabia and the forces of law and order which have behaved so responsibly and admirably.

Yours sincerely,
T.N.W. Bush
P.O. Box 3460,
Jeddah

Details of the clearing operation and the elimination of the remaining renegades from the Grand Mosque in Mecca formed banner headlines of all the Kingdom's newspapers Wednesday.

Interior Minister Prince Naif's press conference of Tuesday night in which he gave details of the incident and the wiping out of the gang was prominently highlighted on the front pages of the newspapers. Newspapers also displayed on their first pages a photograph of the ringleader, Juhaiman Al-Otaibi, sitting on a hospital bed after being captured, and he was described as the "spearhead" of the sedition. In the captions group photographs of a number renegade captives were also displayed on the front pages.

In a report on the International Seminar on Jerusalem now being held in London, the newspapers gave a front page play to its con-

demnation of Zionist terrorism. The North Yemeni Vice-President, Qadi Abdul Karim Al-Arshi who called on King Khalid Tuesday, was reported by newspapers as supporting the Kingdom's policy on the mopping-up operation at the Holy Haram.

Newspapers also frontpaged Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's reported statement that the freeing of Iranian assets would not affect the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and further reported Indonesia as supporting an increase in the oil prices.

Newspapers praised the prudence with which the authorities had acted in the light of a religious ruling and statement by the Kingdom's ulama on the purging of the Holy Haram from the vestiges of the renegade clique. They reaf-

firmed that the measures taken by the country's leaders and security authorities from the very beginning of the trouble had been instrumental in closing in on the gang and their consequent killing or capture, protecting at the same time the lives of the Muslims inside the Mosque and safeguarding the Holy Haram from further damages. The Muslims of the world were greatly impressed by the manner in which the Holy Mosque has been cleared of the remaining members of the heretic clique, the papers said.

Al-Riyadh voiced its view that the matter was not only a revolt against the ruler and the religious leaders but a full armed rebellion against the Islamic society as a whole. It described the attack as "an invasion on the moral values of the society with the express objective of moulding it forcibly to serve differing and unhealthy

ideologies."

Expressing deep satisfaction with the results of the final clearing operation at the Holy Haram, Al-Jazirah rejoiced that "the House of God has been restored its full sanctity after God routed the enemies of His religion and its followers. The heretic clique failed miserably and invited God's wrath on it as a result of its craz, fanatic behavior," it said.

The paper was highly appreciative of the manner in which the government took control of the situation, preserving the sanctity of the House of God and protecting the lives of innocent Muslims who were held up inside the Mosque. It referred to the total support Saudi Arabia received from the entire Islamic world and reaffirmed that the Islamic nation has been blessed with more power and unity after overcoming this ordeal. In a severe condemnation of the

attack, Al-Nadwa said "members of this heretic gang would be deprived of every link with faith or morality due to their barbaric act inside the Holy Mosque. They have entitled themselves to utter shame and disgrace in this world and the hereafter as they have invited the curse of God and every Muslim."

The paper praised the Kingdom's brilliant approach to the difficult situation which, it said, "deserves congratulations from the Arab and Islamic world and from all those who believe in God."

Al-Bilad saluted the brave men of the security forces who dashed forward to save the House of God from the straying clique. It described the security men as the "army of truth" and said "they have given the most outstanding example of sacrifice and heroism to convince the Islamic world that

they are the protectors of House of God as the loyal soldiers in the cause of God."

The paper added that the country's leadership "has proven keenness on preserving in right path and on achieving sublime objectives of spread peace and stability and real welfare and prosperity for the zens."

Okaz also described the Kingdom's approach as "heroic" said the country's leadership proved worthy of confidence the Islamic world. It reiterated that "the leadership will remain keen as ever on the safeguard the Holy Places and will continue to support the fundamentals truth and peace in the world. Saudi Arabia shall always triumph over the enemies of Islam as it derives its strength from the Islamic faith and strictly adheres to the law God," the paper added.

White House Years Sadat expels the Soviets

Editor's note: Arab News today begins publication of extracts from a new chapter of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's memoirs, *White House Years*.

he Moscow summit had one other important consequence: the Soviet Union's expulsion from Egypt in July 1972. Before the summit, Nixon, me, was aware of Sadat's growing disillusionment with the Soviet Union. For all Egypt's dependence on Soviet military aid, the USSR had failed to bring about any progress toward a settlement or Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory. Sadat himself had been in Moscow in February 1972. Between those two visits, Cairo had opened a secret channel to us. This was one of the reasons for our determination to see that the Moscow summit would not remain insipid on the Middle East to see what other our strategy might produce. We were not to know until how well our strategy had worked. To trace this momentous event in the Middle East, it is necessary to go back almost two

The Death of Nasser

The end of 1970 was in a way a turning point in the Middle East, though we did not know it then. The Jordan crisis and even the tensions along the Suez Canal were stages in the evolution of Arab perception that the key to a Middle East settlement lay in Washington, not in Moscow. But perhaps the most decisive event was the death of Gamal Abdel Nasser and the accession to power of Anwar el-Sadat.

Anwar el-Sadat was then little known to us. He was one of the original band of army officers who overthrew King Farouk in 1952; but through the years he was not considered a major figure by our experts. At first, it was not even clear that he would be made the President of Egypt in his own right. Anyone succeeding after the death of so towering a personality as Nasser would have a hard time filling his shoes; in addition, in the case of Sadat the outside world

misjudged him because of his informal oratorical style and his village origin, as well as his relatively minor role in Egyptian politics under Nasser. Nasser died on September 28, 1970, when I was with the President on his Mediterranean trip. A day later, a journalist asked me about Sadat. I said I thought he was an interim figure who would not last more than a few weeks. That was among my wildest misjudgments! Over the course of 1971 Sadat would gradually outmaneuver his opponents, accomplishing in May a stunning purge of a formidable band of pro-Soviet rivals who had been plotting to eliminate him. Gradually he established his domestic position and his international freedom of action. Few outsiders even then (certainly not I) understood with what courage, vision, and determination he would later move his country and his region toward a revolution in international affairs, and thus emerge as one of the great leaders of our period. (Another less noticed though significant result of the autumn of crises was the accession of Hafez Assad to power

in Syria in November 1970. Less visionary than Sadat, he nevertheless gave Syria unprecedented stability and, against the background of the turbulent history of his people, emerged as a leader of courage and relative moderation.) Policies well established in our government tend to appear (and sometimes to be) impervious to change. Typically enough, the change of leaders in Egypt seemed to bring no alteration in the State Department's desire to push the diplomatic initiative it had earlier devised. The Department's efforts had stalemated in 1969; they had been revived in June 1970.

At the end of 1970 the initiative was picked up again as if nothing had happened in the interval. That positions had probably hardened and that no new element had been added were not regarded as reason to forgo the eager diplomacy.

By the end of December 1970, the State Department — buttressed by a reassuring letter of December 3 to Mrs. Meir, urged on Nixon by Rogers — finally managed to persuade the Israelis to return to the Jarring negotiations, from which they had bowed out in September because of Egypt's violations of the standstill cease-fire. But even before Israeli agreement had been secured, Joe Sisco was already sending instructions — without White House clearance — that urged Jarring to renew his mediating mission along the lines of our proposals of 1969 on final borders and peace terms (the Rogers Plan). Sisco had no reason to believe that the parties were about to compromise their heretofore irreconcilable positions, but as he told me in early January, not much would be lost if Jarring at least made a try, diplomats should not be faulted for leaving.

Pacified by a new \$90 million American arms package approved by Nixon in October, the Israelis seized the initiative in early 1971 by inviting Jarring to begin his mission with a journey to Israel. Immediately, Jarring faced the conceptual problem that had stalemated negotiations the year before: Israel insisted on "peace" before withdrawal. The Israelis handed the Swedish mediator on January 8, a paper listing the "essentials of peace" — including the ending of belligerency, terrorism, economic blockade, and boycott the establishment of "good neighborly relations and cooperation." In return Israel sought "secure, recognized, and

agreed boundaries" with suitable security provisions — in other words, Israel proposed to acquire Egyptian territory as part of the peace process. Nothing, in short, had changed in the standard Israeli position.

Jarring passed the Israeli document to the Egyptians on January 13. Cairo responded a few days later with a document reiterating the standard Egyptian position, which called for a full Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 boundaries and for Israel to repudiate the policy of "territorial expansion." In a desperate maneuver to reconcile the incompatible by procedural gimmick, Jarring "softened" the Egyptian paper before passing it to the Israelis for their comment: he omitted some of Cairo's more offensive preambular language, which had dismissed the Israeli paper as adding "no new element" to previous Israeli positions. Jarring was attempting to calm suspicions; his tactics achieved the opposite result. As part of the propaganda war that Egypt and Israel were waging against each other, each side eventually leaked its position to the press. It could not have helped the Israelis' confidence when they saw in the press a different version of the Egyptian paper from what they had officially received from Jarring.

As I had predicted, the result of the first round of Jarring talks was a deadlock. Joe Sisco told me on January 21 that he had not expected much more: the purpose of the effort, he now said, was to encourage the Egyptians to renew the cease-fire when it expired at the beginning of February. It did achieve this purpose, but within two weeks Jarring, with State Department encouragement, was putting forward substantive ideas of his own in an effort to break the deadlock.

The scenario we were witnessing was an exact replay of 1969 — activity for its own sake amid self-generated deadlines that could be met only by papering over irreconcilable differences that, in turn, made a blowup all the more inevitable. Drawing on the papers traded in January, Jarring presented a new proposal to both parties on February 8, asking Israel to withdraw to the 1967 border with Egypt (subject to practical security arrangements) and Egypt to sign a peace agreement with Israel. The Israelis were furious; they saw Jarring's paper

(with good reason) as based on the Rogers Plan of 1969, which they had rejected then, they also challenged Jarring's mandate to put forward ideas of his own rather than serve as a courier and confine himself to asking questions. To Israel, the Jarring paper was not only objectionable in substance, the mere fact of its presentation obviated, in Israeli minds, any need for Sadat to respond to the position that Israel had focused on the "peace" provisions.

All this diplomacy was conducted without any real coordination with the White House. For example, Jarring presented his own paper to the two parties on the very day of a Senior Review Group meeting that I had convened presumably to discuss future strategy. Also, a series of important communications in January between Secretary Rogers and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad were not shown to the White House until after the fact — a procedure my staff expert Hall Saunders did his best to monitor. These communications included Rogers' assurance to Riad that the United States would make an all-out effort to secure a settlement in 1971 — for which there was no White House support at all — on the basis of the Rogers Plan. If the Israelis were inflamed by the substance of Jarring's presentations, the Egyptians would soon grow disillusioned when the proposals we had encouraged Jarring to offer received to offer little US support. Both sides were angry at us, as the deadlock of 1969 repeated itself. In late February, Jarring's exploration foundered on the Israeli refusal to accept the principle of return to the 1967 borders and the Egyptian insistence on such a principle. Jarring had made some progress, however, Egypt had agreed to a peace agreement, rather than mere declaration of nonbelligerency, if Israel returned to the 1967 borders. But since that was adamantly refused, the Jarring mission was in effect over.

There was some sentiment in the U.S. government for imposing the Rogers Plan on the Israelis. But the President had no stomach for it in the middle of the Laotian crisis. And it made no strategic sense. As long as Egypt was in effect a Soviet military base, we could have no incentive to turn on an ally on behalf of a Soviet client.

This is why I was always opposed to comprehensive solutions that would be rejected by both parties and that could only serve Soviet ends by either demonstrating our impotence or being turned into a showcase of what could be exacted by Moscow's pressure. My aim was to produce a stalemate until Moscow urged compromise or until, even better, some moderate Arab regime decided that the route to progress was through Washington.

In fact, had we been more finely attuned to the subtleties of Mideast diplomacy we might have discerned the first hints of fundamental changes in the Egyptian position. In a speech to the Egyptian Parliament on February 4, in which he accepted an extension of the cease-fire, Sadat had surfaced the idea of an interim agreement: a partial Israeli withdrawal from the Suez Canal, permitting the reopening of the Canal, as the "first stage of a timetable which will be prepared later to implement the other provisions of the Security Council and as noted resolution (242)." Egypt's February 15 reply to Jarring included, for the first time, the willingness to sign a peace agreement with Israel. (Of course, it was conditioned on Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders, which Israel would not accept.)

Sadat considered these steps of February 1971 as the beginning of his long, arduous, and extraordinary journey toward peace. His proposal to discuss an interim agreement along the Suez Canal became the focus of diplomacy in 1971 — and a version of the concept eventually was reflected in the January, 1974 disengagement agreement that began the peace process after the 1973 war. His willingness to sign a peace agreement with Israel was to become a dramatic reality eight years later. Our perception of the significance of Sadat's moves then was unfortunately still beclouded by the presence of over 15,000 Soviet troops in Egypt and his signing of a Friendship Treaty with Moscow.

The concept of an interim withdrawal from the Canal had been born in the fertile mind of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan during the late summer of 1970. In Dayan's formulation it required a mutual withdrawal or thinning-out of military forces on both sides of the Canal. Dayan's concept was not then an official proposal of the

Israeli government, however, and when Dayan visited Washington in December 1970 he was obliged to disavow it except as a "theoretical alternative" to the standard Israeli position, which was that Israel would not grant Egypt the boon of a reopened Suez Canal until a final peace settlement. In fact, Mrs. Meir had asked me what I thought of Dayan's idea when I met her at the Shoreham Hotel on October 25, 1970, during her visit to Washington in conjunction with the UN's twenty-fifth anniversary. I told her that I had not studied it in detail but it seemed a good idea. The proposal was revived at the beginning of 1971 when an Egyptian general reapproached the head of our mission in Cairo and, speaking in Sadat's name, expressed interest in Dayan's proposal. Next, Sadat repeated it publicly in his February 4 speech.

The reason why an interim accord never materialized in 1971 was the same that thwarted the comprehensive approach: The two sides had radically different purposes in pursuing it. Egypt wanted an interim agreement as the first step toward a total withdrawal: Dayan put it forward as a means to forestall that prospect. To Dayan, a partial disengagement had the attraction of both short-circuiting the Jarring diplomacy and reducing the negotiation to a limited scheme that could be more easily managed by Israel's domestic policies. Above all, it would postpone discussion of the final borders. If implemented, an interim accord would stabilize the Suez front and reduce the possibility of hostilities; Egypt would be less likely to launch a war if it stood to lose the economic benefit of the reopened Canal. This reasoning persuaded Mrs. Meir to accept Sadat's suggestion of a pullback along the Canal in a speech on February 9.

To Sadat, however, disengagement included a much more extensive Israeli withdrawal than the limited pullback Dayan envisioned. Dayan proposed a withdrawal or thinning out of forces on each side. Sadat suggested in Newsweek of February 22 that the Israelis should pull back to "a line behind El Arish" more than halfway across the Sinai and allow a UN force to take over Sharm el-Sheikh. Sadat also insisted that Egyptian military forces had to cross the Canal, where Dayan saw it as a *mutual* withdrawal from the Canal.

KIOSK Goings on about town

Jeddah

Thursday, Dec. 13

A British bazaar in aid of children's charities opens at the British Embassy at 5:00 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16 to Wednesday, Dec. 19

To mark the Muslim calendar's new century, Redec is sponsoring an art exhibition at the Medina Road Redec Plaza, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for women and from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the general public.

Riyadh

Sunday, Dec. 9

A carole concert; Britten, Brahms and traditional; will be held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ingrams. See posters for a map or call 4650448.

Monday, Dec. 10

Riyadh Concert Band will hold a practice session at 7:30 p.m. in Suleimaniya. Call Mr. John Thirk for details at 22589.

Thursday, Dec. 13

A bazaar to raise money to buy rice for Cambodian refugee children will open at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund guest villa next to the airport pharmacy on the road that goes from Airport Road to Ulaya, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maps are available in local supermarkets or call Mrs. Thompson at 4659499.

Dhahran

Thursday, Dec. 6

The Dhahran Outing Group sponsors a Thai Cultural Night with Thai boxers and dancers at the Aramco Junior High Gymnasium. Entry fees are SR25 and the proceeds will go to Cambodian refugees. The show opens at 7:00 p.m. and continues until 10:45 p.m.

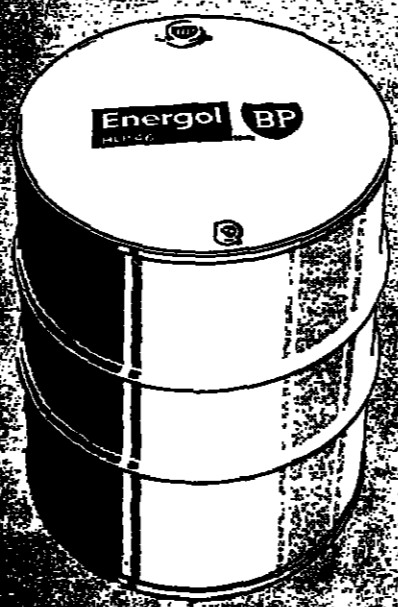
The Dhahran Art Group is holding an art mart in the Aramco Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6 to Monday, Dec. 10

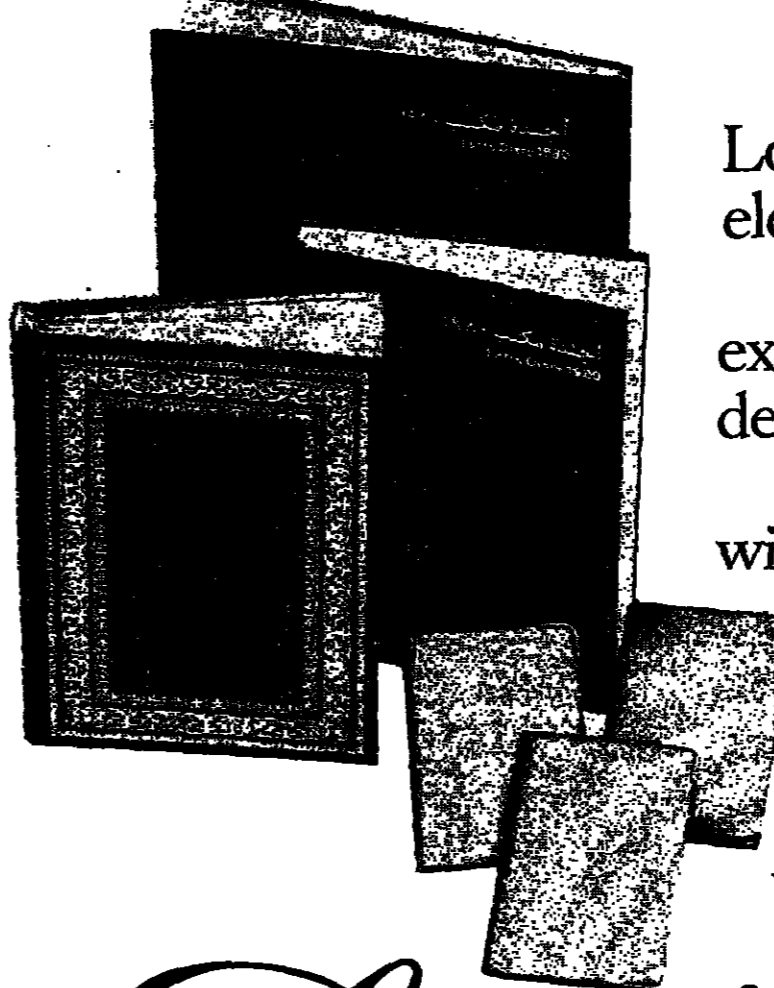
All alumni of the American University of Beirut are invited to a lunch for the president of the university, Dr. Holscher. Contact Kamal Maier at 8744638 or 8753265.

Entry forms are now available for the Dhahran Rugby Club's third annual Road Relay Race. Call Lesley William at 8745563. Registration may now begin for the Fall H.M.Y.A. Laster Eastern Province Open Races to be held Dec. 21. Entry is SR20. Call Doug Poterbin at 8755645.

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King to pray in Mecca

Mosque renegades smashed; 135 killed



CAPTIVES: Saudi Arabian television Tuesday showed pictures of the 170 renegades captured during the siege of the Holy Haram in Mecca, including pictures of the military leader of the renegades, Juhaiman Al-Otaibi (left) sitting on a hospital bed, and the remainder of the captives seated on the floor of a prison in Mecca.

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — Nearly 60 Saudi soldiers were killed and 200 wounded during operations against the renegades who seized the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Interior Minister Prince Naif said Tuesday night.

In a televised address to the Kingdom, after which pictures of prisoners and the leader of the renegades were shown, Prince Naif said 170 renegades were killed and 170 captured in the mosque.

Earlier Tuesday, the prince had announced that Saudi security forces succeeded in clearing the last remaining attackers from the tunnels and passages underneath the mosque just after midnight.

Those killed by the renegades are: bet-

ter than all of us because they died in the service of God and the defense of his place," Prince Naif said.

And he said security forces suffered a surprisingly low number of casualties in view of the fierceness of the fight against the renegades "and the positions they were entrenched in."

Prince Naif said that throughout the operation security forces had kept in mind King Khalid's orders to safeguard the Holy Haram, minimize casualties among the free, safeguard the lives of innocent worshippers trapped by the attacker and capture as many of the renegades alive as possible.

The prince said a majority of the attackers were Saudis, but the group captured also included Egyptians, Moroccans, Kuwaitis,

Yemenis from both halves of the country and Pakistanis.

But he added that the foreigners found among the group represented only themselves and were not in any way related to their governments.

After the prince's speech, television showed pictures of the 170 renegades who were captured, huddled on the floor of a prison in Mecca, filthy and bedraggled.

Some of the attackers were so exhausted they could not sit up straight.

The television also showed pictures of the leader of the group, Juhaiman Al-Otaibi, sitting in a hospital bed where he had been taken after being captured early Tuesday.

The London-based newspaper *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported in its Wednesday edition

that Al-Otaibi — whom it described as in very bad psychological shape — had been captured during the final push on the mosque's basement after midnight Monday.

Al-Otaibi was dressed in a hospital smock, and was wearing a filthy beard. His long hair was hung loose in the curls known in the West as "Donal man's" locks, and his eyes appeared to pierce right out of the television screen.

During the televised pictures of the prisoners, a Saudi commentator repeatedly thanked God that they had failed, and upbraided them for committing sacrilege and violating the sanctity of Islam's holiest Shrine.

Security forces moving around the room could be seen occasionally allowing the bound prisoners to sip from a glass of water,

while ordering others among them to hold their heads up straight so that they faced the television camera.

In his report Tuesday morning, Prince Naif had simply said: "Freshmen in the ranks of the mosque have been totally eliminated. The remnants of the corrupt heretics who attacked the Holy Mosque are all either killed or captured now."

The operation against the renegades ended about 1:30 a.m. almost exactly 17 days after it had begun just after early morning prayers at the Holy Haram on November 20.

The fight against the renegades was long and tough, the prince said.

"At first they controlled the mosques and the terraces, then they were forced down stairs to the upper floors, and later to the

courtyard of the mosque and finally into the labyrinth of tunnels underneath," he said.

Their final stand in the 270 rooms and maze of tunnels in the mosque's basement required the longest time to end. The renegades spent more than a week holed up in the basement before the siege was brought to an end.

Four different units of Saudi troops, the Army, the National Guard, the Special Forces and the Special Security Forces took part in the operations to clear the mosque.

In his televised statement Prince Naif said that Saudi Arabian authorities did not move against the mosque in force until the night of Nov. 20 about 12 hours after the seizure took place.

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PROVISIONS: A Saudi soldier in a gas mask emerges from one of the rooms in the basement of the mosque with a bowl of dates used by the renegades for food during their abortive attack on the Grand Mosque.

From page one

He said that he and Defense Minister Prince Sultan and other leaders in Mecca had waited until the evening of that day, when the King ordered to restore order and tranquility to the mosque, to act.

Prince Naif said that after King Khalid had ordered a large force to descend from the sky and attack the mosque to operate in the mosque.

"We could have, but had the agreement in a few hours but had to take into consideration the safety of the Haram and the lives of the innocent people inside it," Prince Naif said.

He made no mention of civilian casualties suffered during the opening stages of the battle for the mosque, but eyewitnesses have told Arabic-language newspapers here that the renegades killed and wounded many innocent citizens — including some pilgrims praying in the mosque — during the final hours of the assault.

In its report Wednesday, the London-based *Asharq Al-Awsat*, a sister paper to *Arab News*, named the military leader of the renegades as Juhaiman Al-Otaibi, and the other leader of the group — the so-called "expected Mahdi" — as Muhammad bin Abdullah.

It said that Al-Otaibi was in very bad psychological condition when he was captured and that Abdullah had been injured in the fighting.

The newspaper, quoting top Saudi officials, said he had been taken to a local hospital.

It said that members of the leaders' families — including four women and an 11-year-old child — came out of the tunnels underneath the mosque last week, and that one of the women claimed to be Al-Otaibi's mother. But later she admitted that she was Al-Otaibi's wife and Abdullah's sister.

The newspaper also said the call to prayer at dawn again he made from the Mecca mosque, possibly on Thursday or Friday, depending on how clean-up operations go in the main portion of the mosque.

The newspaper added that as soon as the mosque is reopened for prayer, King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd will proceed to Mecca to perform prayers and the tawaf — circling of the Kaaba — to thank God for His blessing in enabling the defeat of the renegades.

Meanwhile, a senior security official told the newspaper that "the gallantry of the Saudi forces was incredible, as officers raced their men to be first in the assault waves." He said members of the armed forces saw their participation in the assaults on the renegades as a rare opportunity to achieve martyrdom in defense of God and His holy places.

Military experts told the paper that the operations against the attackers were exam-

ples of true heroism, because the size of the mosque and the locations chosen by the rebels gave them very strategic positions from which to fire on the Saudi Arabian forces.

Security forces Tuesday morning found a large quantity of arms and ammunition in the 270 basement rooms of the mosque after their final assault had ended, the newspaper said.

It quoted them as saying the arms were of a type "readily available in the Arab world."

Officials of the Kingdom have said the attackers — believed to have numbered between 200 and 500 — will be tried and those found guilty will be punished in strict accordance with the Sharia.

Islamic law provides the death penalty for those guilty of desecrating the Holy Haram.

Officials said Tuesday a detailed statement on the incident will be made as soon as interrogations of the prisoners captured during the pre-dawn raid and earlier during the siege are completed.

Major Muhammad Al-Nefal, commander of special forces troops who were instrumental in clearing the upper portions of the mosque last week, has said that scores of the renegades have been taken into custody.

In its statement Tuesday morning Prince Naif promised a full account of the attack on the Grand Mosque as soon as possible.



RUBBLE: Saudi soldiers search through the rubble in the basement of the Grand Mosque in the search for bodies of those killed in the fighting. The twisted ceiling fan at the top is mute testimony to the struggle in the Mosque.



DIRECT HIT: A column on one of the Mosque's seven minarets took a direct hit from a tank shell during the heat of the fighting. Renegades took cover in the minarets and used them to snipe at innocent people below.



The two-week siege of the Grand Mosque in Mecca was bitterly fought, with heavy casualties among Saudi troops who retook the mosque, and also among the renegades who stormed it on Nov. 20. In these exclusive photographs, Arab News-Asharq Al-Awsat photographer Muhammad Ibrahim provides a look at what happened in Mecca.



FINAL STRONGPOINT: Saudi troops pose for an Arab News-Asharq Al-Awsat photographer outside the final refuge of the renegades who over the Grand Mosque in Mecca. The walls and the gates to the room show evidence of the fierce fighting.



BASEMENT SCENE: Walls of this room underneath the Grand Mosque are pockmarked with bullets showing the intensity of the fighting during the abortive takeover of the mosque. At left is a pickup truck used by the attackers to smuggle in arms and ammunition.

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SEIGE SCENES: A blown out wall in the basement of the Grand Mosque (top) shows traces of the fighting which lasted for two weeks there. In the center, a Saudi soldier guards provisions brought into the mosque by the renegades, and below the captives sit on the floor of a Mecca prison in a picture taken from Saudi television Tuesday night.

From East Germany

Russians start pullout of troops

WEST BERLIN, Dec. 5 (AP) — The Soviet Union began a pullout of soldiers and tanks from East Germany Wednesday, designed to underline Moscow's stated commitment to peace.

The East German news agency said an armored unit based in Wittenberg headed for Russian frontier Wednesday morning, watched by invited journalists.

President Leonid Brezhnev said last October to withdraw 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany within months. This would still leave 380,000 Soviet soldiers and 6,000 tanks in the country, Western estimates.

A German Television transmitted a live report from the city famous by association with the reformer Martin Luther, showing Red Army tanks and thousands of East German civilians watching.

A row of Soviet troops in overcoats and fur hats stood near the tanks and smiled and waved at the crowd, which pushed forward near the rail line in what appeared to be the downtown district of the city south of Berlin.

Western reporters and cameramen stood nearby.

Western diplomats saw the withdrawal as an attempt to influence public opinion in the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which next week will decide whether to produce and deploy new nuclear missiles in Europe.

The Soviet Union has launched a strong campaign against the cruise and Pershing missiles, which will have the range to strike the Soviet

soil from Western European bases.

Western military experts have said the tanks being assembled for withdrawal were ageing T-54s. But ADN said the returning unit was equipped with modern medium tanks. It did not say how many tanks the unit possessed or how many troops were involved in the first stage of the pullout.

The withdrawal coincided with a meeting of foreign ministers of the seven-nation Warsaw Pact, which is considering how to respond to the NATO decisions expected next week.

The NATO foreign ministers are expected to approve production of 572 new missiles for the European theater, but keep open the possibility of later disarmament talks. The gap between production and deployment would be at least three years.



Leonid Brezhnev

The Soviet Union has said a NATO decision to go ahead with missile production would destroy the basis for disarmament negotiations.

Headed by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who arrived here Tuesday, the Warsaw Pact meeting is expected to issue a last appeal to the West to take up a Soviet offer of arms control talks before taking a vote on the missiles.

Many Western leaders, including West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, have already rejected that course, saying the missiles are badly needed to offset a growing Soviet strategic superiority.

But the gradual build-up of tension around the NATO decision, appeared to have been partly defused by an announcement Tuesday of an East-West German summit in 1980.

But Peking indicates deadlock

viets optimistic on ties with China

SCOW, Dec. 5 (AP) — Sino-Viet negotiations were held Wednesday to begin the signing of a new "declaration of principles" with the hope of achieving progress in a round of Sino-Viet talks.

According to Soviet sources, negotiators believe that the treaty will be signed by April on a 30-year-old treaty of "friendship and mutual cooperation" between the two countries expires.

The first round of "normalization" began here Oct. 17 and ended Friday. The next round is held in Peking early next week, Soviet sources said.

Throughout the Moscow round, Vietnamese spokesmen for the delegation stressed a lack of progress. They insisted that the Soviet Union, while trying to force a declaration of principle, was refusing to discuss the basic causes of Sino-Viet hostility.

Soviet Union remained silent on the talks' progress sessions were still being held with the conclusion of the round. Soviet sources have circulating a far more optimistic version of events than spokesmen have offered.

foreign consumption says that progress toward a new declaration is inevitable. Its circulation may also be designed to place additional pressure on China as Sino-Viet contacts continue.

According to these sources, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Youping, the chief of the Chinese negotiators, made an unusually strong statement in favor of improving relations in a meeting Monday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The session which the sources said lasted 45 minutes — a long meeting for Gromyko was officially labeled a "courtesy visit" before Wang returned home. A formal lunch is also likely before the Chinese delegation finally leaves the Soviet capital.

The sources believe Chinese interest in increased trade and some other contacts with the Soviet Union will finally tip the balance in favor of concluding an accord with Moscow before April.

On Aug. 6, the two countries belatedly signed a trade agreement for 1979 providing for the exchange of goods worth some \$480 million. But Soviet sources said China is eager for increased shipments of Soviet machinery and transport equipment, particularly aircraft and aircraft parts.

This equipment is likely to be available on more advantageous terms from Moscow than from Western suppliers, and China is already used to Soviet-style planes and machinery. The sources also disclosed that a Soviet team of textile experts quietly visited China within the past several months to discuss improvements to China's textile industry with Soviet aid.

New marital law clamped to curb U.K. immigration

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government carried out an election promise to clamp down on immigration Tuesday night by approving new rules on arranged marriages.

The rules, aimed mostly at Britain's growing Asian community, prevent non-British women settled here from bringing in husbands and fiancés.

The government made last-minute concessions to protect the rights of British-born women living overseas, after protests from groups living in the United States and elsewhere. They will retain the right to bring their foreign husbands here.

The new rules, passed by the

House of Commons on a vote of 294 to 252 — a government majority of 42 — ban marriages contracted solely for the purpose of letting a man into Britain.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw told the Commons the change would cut immigration by 3,000 to 4,000 a year.

"It must be sensible... to exclude those who do not intend to live permanently with their wives," he said.

Britain's 56 million population includes nearly two million non-white immigrants, mostly from Pakistan, India and the West Indies, and Mrs. Thatcher promised clamps on the influx in her successful campaign for last May's general election.

Giscard again under press fire for diamond gifts from Bokassa

PARIS, Dec. 5 (R) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing Wednesday came under renewed pressure to reveal whether or not he had received gifts of diamonds from deposed Central African Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa.

The satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* published a document Wednesday indicating that Bokassa had offered diamonds to Giscard shortly after his election in 1974.

The newspaper alleged in October that Giscard had received diamonds worth \$250,000 from Bokassa when he was finance minister in 1973.

The French president last week denied the value, but he did not deny receiving the jewels.

The weekly said in this week's issue that Giscard had received at least five separate gifts of diamonds between 1970 and 1975 and suggested that two of the alleged gifts were made shortly after he became president.

The presidential palace had no immediate comment on the new allegations.

"If the Elysee Palace finds it impossible to categorically deny the whole series of new information given by the *Canard*, then one can speak of a breach of honor (by the president), the French Social-

ist daily *Le Matin* said in an editorial Wednesday.

Last Tuesday, Giscard said, "As for reports concerning the value of what I received as finance minister, I issue a formal and, I add, contemptuous denial."

The French president said in a television interview that all gifts received since he became president were either donated to charities or held temporarily by the Elysee Palace.

Le Canard wrote Wednesday that the Elysee had sent a gift of African jewelry to a Paris charity only 11 days before the television interview.

Bokassa, now exiled in the



Giscard d'Estaing

Ivory Coast, was overthrown in a coup last September after accusations by human rights organizations that he had ordered the massacre of 200 children because they refused to wear compulsory school uniforms.

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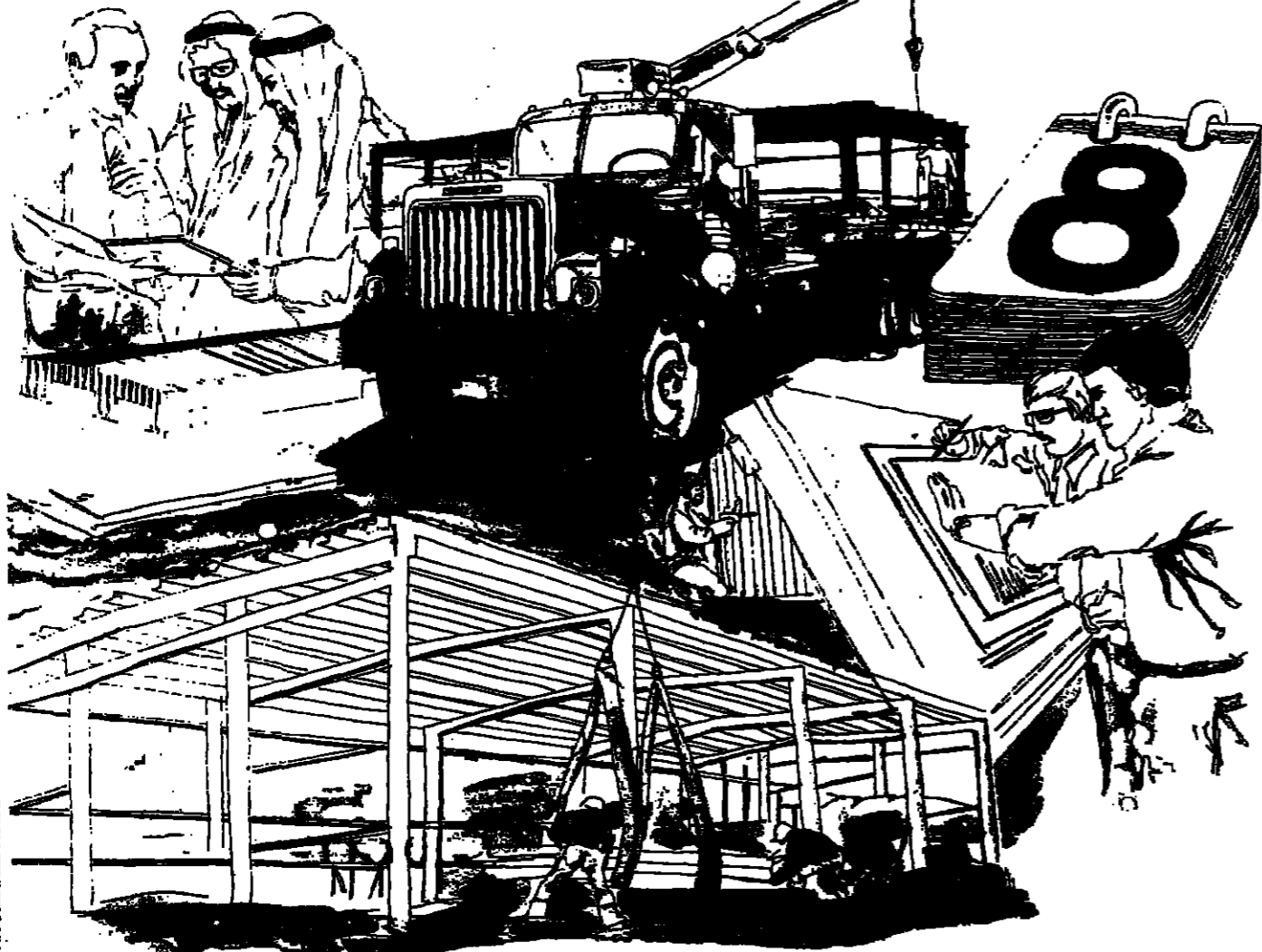
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PARTICULARS OF VESSEL

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11. Depth	: 3.53 meters
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(FOUAD M. MOKHTAR)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
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Arab economic council meets

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (R) — The Arab Economic Unity Council (AEUC) has opened its 34th session in Amman and speakers have stressed the need for cooperation to boost the economy of Arab States.

Opening the session, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday said discussions should deal with ways to confront current challenges and attempts to divide the Arab world.

Delegations from 11 Arab

countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) attended the session. It is the second meeting in Amman since the AEUC headquarters was transferred from Cairo after the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was signed last March. Egypt's membership has since been suspended.

Jordan's Minister of Industry and Trade Najmuddin Dajani said he hoped the meeting would herald a new stage of Arab unity.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	S.A.M.A.	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.375	3.3725
Pound Sterling	7.40	7.45	7.43
Deutsche Mark (100)	195.00	197.00	197.25
Swiss F (100)	212.00	213.00	212.00
French F (100)	85.00	84.00	83.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	40.30	42.10	42.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		86.98	86.25
Syrian Lira (100)		86.98	86.25
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.19	12.19
Jordanian Dinar		11.40	11.40
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.65	89.65
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.25	91.25
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		26.00	26.00
Iraqi Dinar (100)		9.25	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.10	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		80.00	89.90
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.20
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.60	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	130.00	113.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	176.00	174.00	175.75
Spanish Peso		50.50	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)		80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	46.50
Singapore		—	1.57

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Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 — Stock prices gradually moved higher in late trading Tuesday after a mid-session hesitation had cut into early advances. At the bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 5.29 to 834.91, transport up 2.82 to 250.39, and utilities lost 1.14 to 107.10. Volume of trading was 33.6 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as advances outnumbered declines 975 to 545 and 390 issues unchanged. The AMEX gained 1.57 on the day to 229.66.

Growth and glamour turned in a positive performance with Abbott Labs up 1 1/4 to 40 3/4. Humana gained 2 1/4 to 41. Honeywell rose 1 1/4 to 79 1/4. Tektronix up 1 1/4 to 59 1/4. Motorola gained 1 1/4 to 51. National Semi up 1 1/4 to 130 1/4.

Energy issues were higher with Atlantic Richfield up 2 1/2 to 80 1/2. Freeport Minerals gained 1 1/4 to 49 1/4. Std. Oil of Ohio rallied 3 to 84 1/4. Mobil up 1 1/4 to 53. Halliburton rose 1 1/4 to 79 3/4. Utd. Energy Resources gained 1 1/4 to 61.

Basic industry issues were positive with National steel up 1/4 to 26 1/4. Allied Chem. Rose 1/4 to 45 1/4. Dupont up 1 to 40 1/4. Kimberly Clark gained 1/4 to 40 1/4. and Great Northern Nekeosa rose 1/4 to 32 1/4.

Aerospace issues were strong with Boeing up 1 1/2 to 47 1/4. Northrop up 1 1/4 to 45. Raytheon up 1 1/4 to 63. and General Dynamics up 1 1/4 to 57 1/4.

Airlines were positive as Trans World gained 1/4 to 173 1/4. Delta rose 1/4 to 38 1/4. and Northwest up 1/4 to 28 1/4. Ralls were mixed as Southern rallied 1 1/4 to 56 1/4.

Electrical equipment and metals were mixed and little changed.

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Big automakers in U.S. log low November sales

DETROIT, Dec. 5 (AP) — Sales by the United States' five major automakers plunged 21.3 per cent last month, compared with November a year ago, reaching their lowest levels since 1974, the companies have reported.

New car deliveries totaled 606,204, compared with 769,855 a year ago. The daily selling rate of 24,248 was the lowest since 20,220 in 1974, and the second-worst since 1970, when it dipped to 18,131.

General Motors Corp. sales for November were 369,625, down 21.8 per cent; Ford Motor Co. was off 24.3 per cent to 150,611; Chrysler Corp. fell 32.6 per cent to 17,480.

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Iran warns Europe banks on U.S. row

MONTREAL, Dec. 5 (AP) — A Montreal newspaper, quoting Iran's minister of economy, reports that European banks will "pay dearly" if they pose any difficulties in Iran's conflict with the United States.

The warning was reported in a dispatch from Tehran by La Presse Middle East correspondent Robert Pouliot after an interview with Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Iran's former foreign minister and now minister of finance and economy.

"I assure you," the minister said, "that if the European banks give us any trouble in our conflict with the U.S. they will pay very dearly for it."

He added that "if they impose a total blockade on us, it's war. We will go on a crusade."

He said Iran was coping reasonably well with the U.S. freeze on its assets by using other currencies such as the Japanese yen and various European currencies.

Most European banks are cautious about approving letters of credit, and most companies exporting to Iran now require a guarantee of payment not only from the importer's bank but from their own non-Iranian bank as well, the report said.

The newspaper cited a case last week involving the Canadian branch of a French bank which required the full purchase price (about \$300,000) to be deposited in advance in hard foreign currency in Montreal before giving any confirmation that a deal could go ahead. Other banks refused the confirmation altogether.

The minister also said Iran wanted to reduce its dependence on the United States, Europe, Japan and South Korea and develop exchanges with the Third World and Socialist countries.

"Iran will soon send out an international mission to see how the industrialized world can aid us to break our total dependence on the U.S. and help us in the restructuring of a truly Iranian economy," Bani-Sadr said.

Meanwhile, in Toronto, a spokesman for Gulf Canada Ltd., the main importer of Iranian oil into Canada, said Iran has cut off its supply of crude oil to the company.

Robert Vallance said in an interview Tuesday night that Gulf Canada was affected when Iran, as

part of its conflict with the United States, cut off oil exports to the U.S.-based Gulf Oil Corp., Gulf Canada's parent company and supplier of Iranian oil.

Vallance said Gulf had already loaded two tankers, each carrying 4.6 million barrels of crude,

before Iranian students took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Nov. 4.

The first tanker has already arrived, Vallance said, and the second is due by mid-December. But after that, he said, the company does not know when it will

get its next Iranian shipment.

Iranian crude accounts for 17 per cent of Gulf Canada's imports, but makes up less than 5 per cent of Canada's consumption.

The spokesman said Gulf is "working very hard" to line up an alternative supply.

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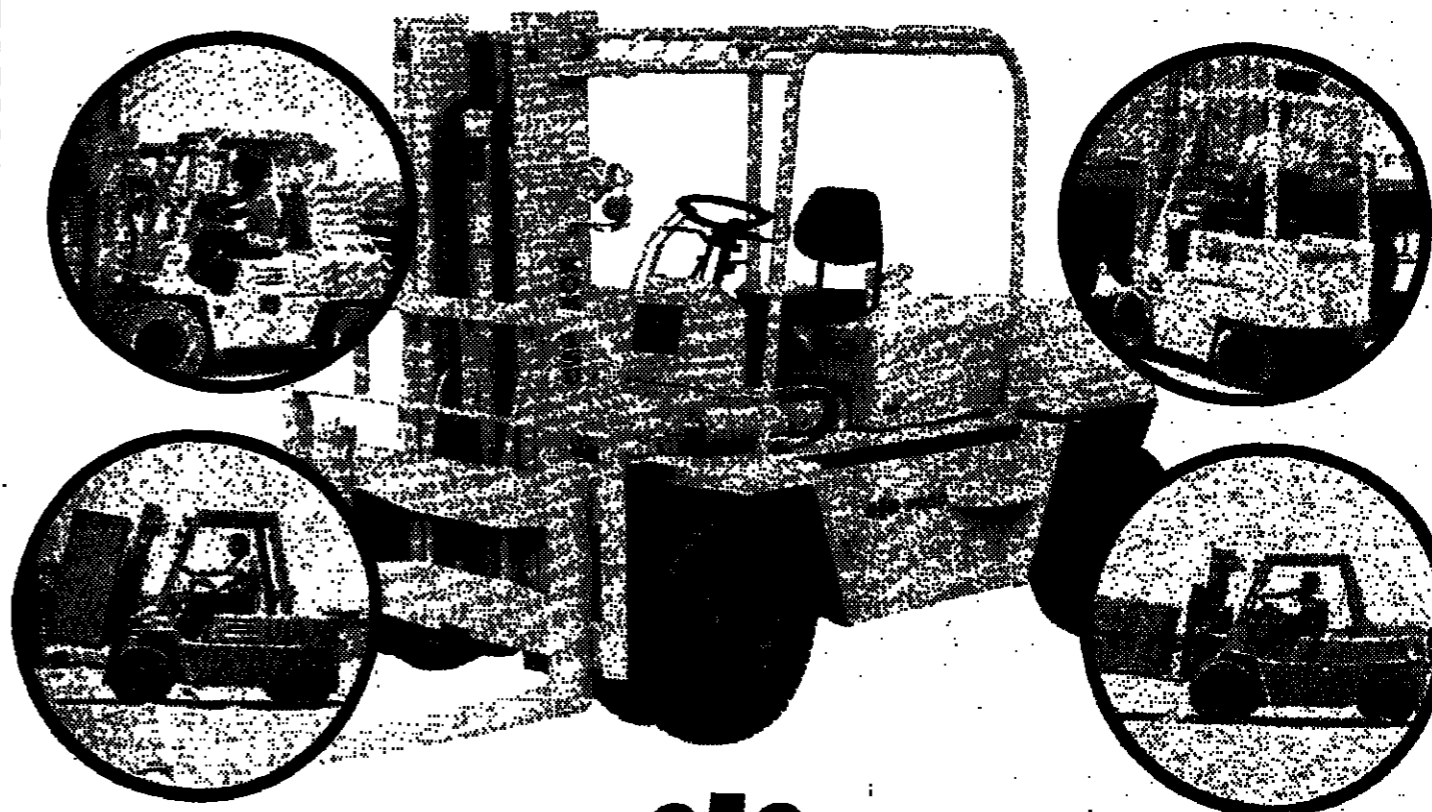
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To 22 games

Forest stretches unbeaten record

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — Holder Nottingham Forest extended its unbeaten English football league Cup run to 22 matches with a goalless draw in the quarter final clash at West Ham Tuesday night.

The European champion, bidding for a third successive victory in the competition, lacked confidence because of its current Division One problems, but still managed to force a replay against the London Second Division side.

West Ham, inspired by England international Trevor Brooking, has not won a league game in four outings, but goalkeeper Peter Shilton was in fine form and twice made spectacular saves.

Forest relied heavily on solo breaks by Trevor Francis and Gary Birtles and Francis went close to scoring with a first half volley and second half snap shot which Phil Parkes saved at the second attempt.

The other two quarter final matches were also drawn.

A goal six minutes from time by substitute Billy Tucker earned Second Division Swindon a 1-1 draw against Football Association Cup winner Arsenal.

Third Division Grimsby drew 0-0 in a mistake-riddled clash against First Division Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Results Friday night

League Cup Quarter-Final			
Arsenal	0	Swindon	1
Grimsby	0	Wolverhampton	0
West Ham	0	Nottingham Forest	0
Reading	1	Derby	1
Sheff Wed	2	Sheff Utd	1
Sheff Wed	2	Sheff Utd	1
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(Postponed from Nov. 10)



Trevor Brooking

USC footballer

White named All-American again

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP) — Charles White of Southern California, who led the nation in rushing and all-purpose rushing en route to becoming the second leading ground-gainer in U.S. college football history, was named to the Associated Press All-America Team for the second year in a row Tuesday along with six other repeaters from 1978.

Joining White, the 1979 Heisman Trophy winner, on the AP All-America Team for the second year in a row are Oklahoma running back Bill Sims, the 1978 Heisman winner and 1979

runner-up, and North Carolina State center Jim Ritcher, winner of the 1979 Outland Trophy as the nation's best interior lineman.

The other repeaters from 1978 are defensive end Hugh Green of Pittsburgh and defensive backs Kenny Easley of UCLA and Johnnie Johnson of Texas. In addition, Oklahoma linebacker George Cumby, a first-team selection in 1977 but an also-ran last year, made the first team again.

Green and Easley are juniors and have a shot at becoming three-time first-team All-America selections next year.

FORT WORTH, Texas (Agencies) — Romania's Nadia Comaneci, no longer the pony-tailed sprite who captured the hearts of millions at the 1976 Olympics, floated with powerful grace through four women's compulsory events to take the early lead Tuesday in the World Gymnastics Championships.

The 18-year-old Comaneci, her hair cropped short and nervously biting her fingernails, scored a near-perfect 9.95 points on the uneven bars.

Looking somewhat gaunt, the world's gymnastic queen followed with a 9.90 on the balance beam, scored a 9.80 in her floor exercise, and nailed down a 9.85 with a dazzling final vault that brought a short, quick smile.

Comaneci, who became the first person to score a perfect 10 in the Olympics, faltered somewhat on her floor exercise as she quickly corrected a slight misstep.

She posted a total of 39.500 points, which quickly propelled her into the lead.

Romania has never won a team title but quickly took the lead with 194.250 points.

Three-time Olympic Gold medalist Comaneci was a favorite to earn her first world all-around title because defending champion Elena Mukhina of the Soviet Union was not competing because

of a pulled tendon in her right leg. Teammate Emilia Eberle was not far behind Comaneci with a total of 38.950.

The 15-year-old Eberle was particularly impressive in the uneven bars and the floor exercise, where she scored two 9.850s.

The scores of Tuesday's compulsory competition count one-half toward the all-around title which will be decided with optional exercises in four events Thursday night.

The Soviet Union's Alexandre Ditiatin held the lead over America's Bart Conner and Kurt Thomas at the end of the men's compulsories Monday night. The men's optionals were scheduled for Wednesday night.

The Soviet Union also leads the men's team race, followed closely by Japan and the United States.

Comaneci was greeted warmly by the crowd of some 3,500 in her first United States appearance.

This is the first time the World Gymnastics Championships have been held outside Europe.

The American women were off to a stumbling start, with the best performance by Leslie Pyfer, who scored 38.85 points with her best performance a 9.85 on the floor.

China's men and women are virtually assured of finishing among the 12 teams and thus qualifying for next year's Moscow Olympics when the championships are continued.

The Chinese team here, competing for the first time in 18 years in an international gymnastics tournament, has made a very strong showing in the first two days of the week-long championship.



Nadia Comaneci two years ago

Their women were lying still overall after the compulsory session the men were in fifth place after their compulsory exercise on Monday. Scores to date account for half the totals. They will decide overall placings.

The Chinese were expected to improve their positions in optional exercises. They had made strong progress in only 10 months since being readmitted to the International Gymnastics Federation.

After Australian declaration

West Indies, Aussies draw Test

BRISBANE, Dec. 5 (R) — The first Test between Australia and the West Indies ended in a draw here Wednesday after a century by Kim Hughes had continued a fine Australian fight-back against their rivals' big first innings score.

Hughes scored 130 not out, his second successive century in a Test, and Australia declared at 448 for six in reply to the West Indies' 441. Set an impossible target in just over an hour, the West Indies were 40 for three in their second innings at the end.

Australia looked in trouble ear-

lier in the match when they lost their first two wickets for 55, but skipper Greg Chappell, who took over from Hughes as Test captain, provided a platform for the fight-back with a determined innings of 124.

Chappell, 97 not out overnight, fell to paceman Colin Croft, clean bowled. But it was one of only three successes for the West Indies attack.

In Adelaide, England took a 93-run lead over South Australia with seven second innings wickets left during a bad-tempered second

day's play Wednesday.

At close of play England were 67 for three after South Australia had declared their first innings at 226 for four in reply to England's 252 for two declared.

South Australia resumed Wednesday morning at 46 for no wicket and their overnight batsmen, John Nash and Rick Darling, comfortably took the score to 93. Then there was a series of incidents.

Nash was the first batsman out when he hit his wicket faced by a rising delivery from England's speedster Ian Botham.

Magri retains flyweight title

WEMBLEY, Dec. 5 (AP) — Charlie Magri of Britain decisively outpointed Manuel Carrasco of Spain over 12 rounds here Tuesday night and retained his European flyweight boxing title.

Magri dictated the fight and hammered his opponent in bursts of violent action. But the Spanish southpaw, despite blood pouring from his nose in the third round, stayed on his feet and took the champion the whole distance.

Magri weighed 112 pounds (50.89 kg) and Carrasco weighed 111 pounds (50.39 kg).

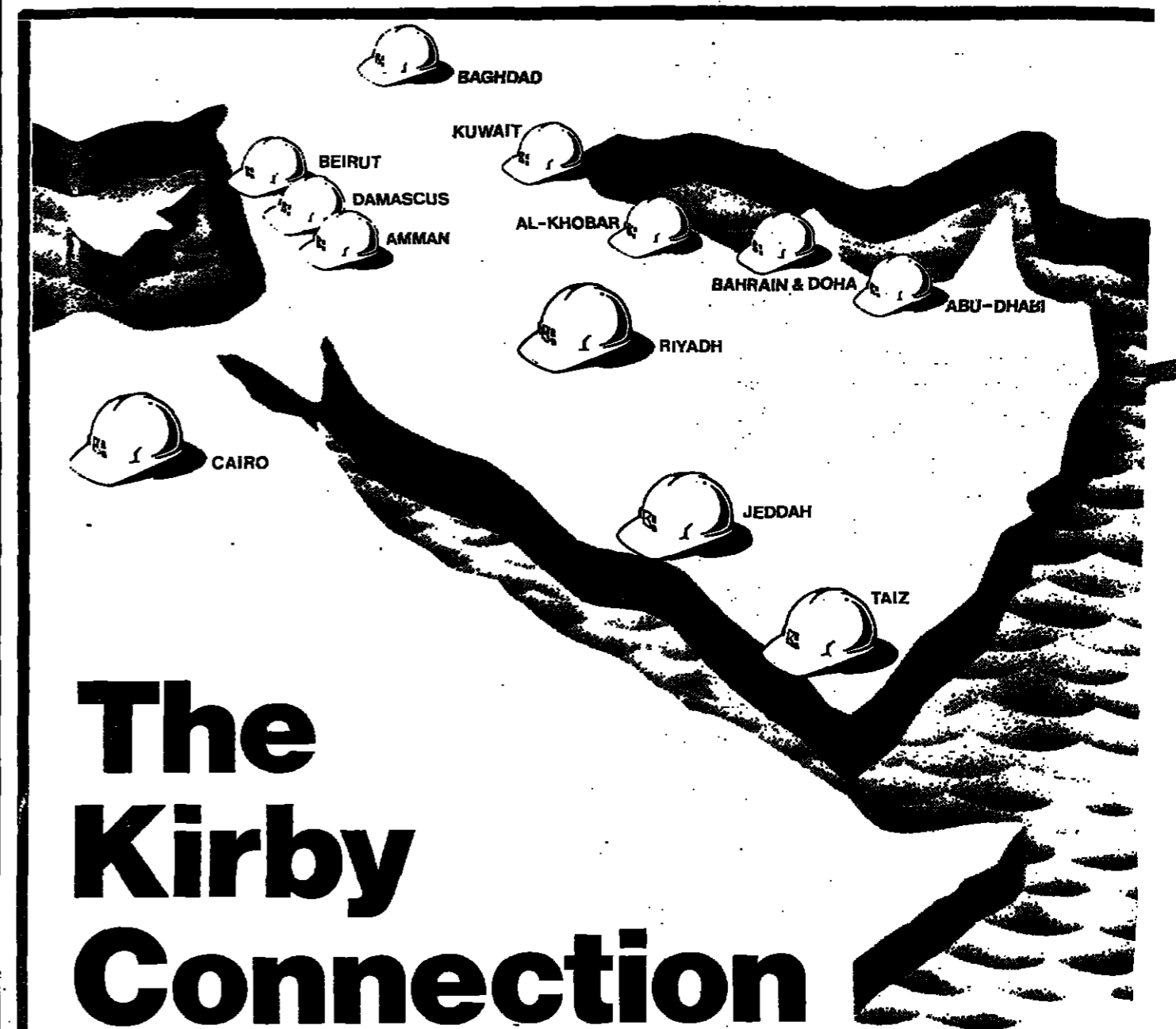
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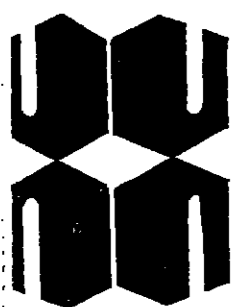
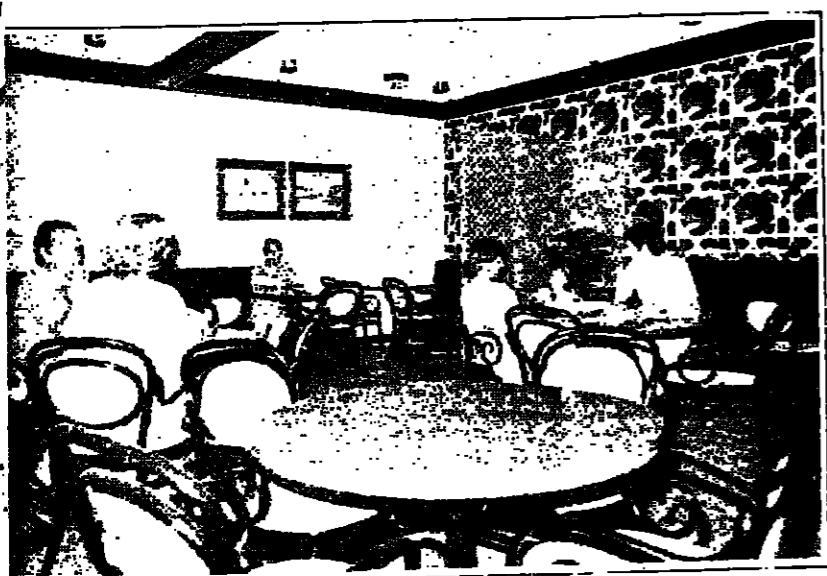
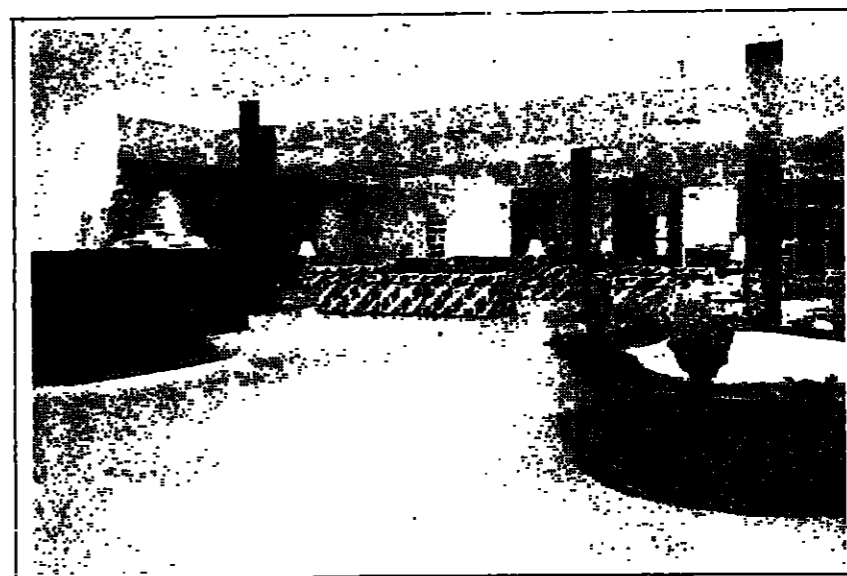
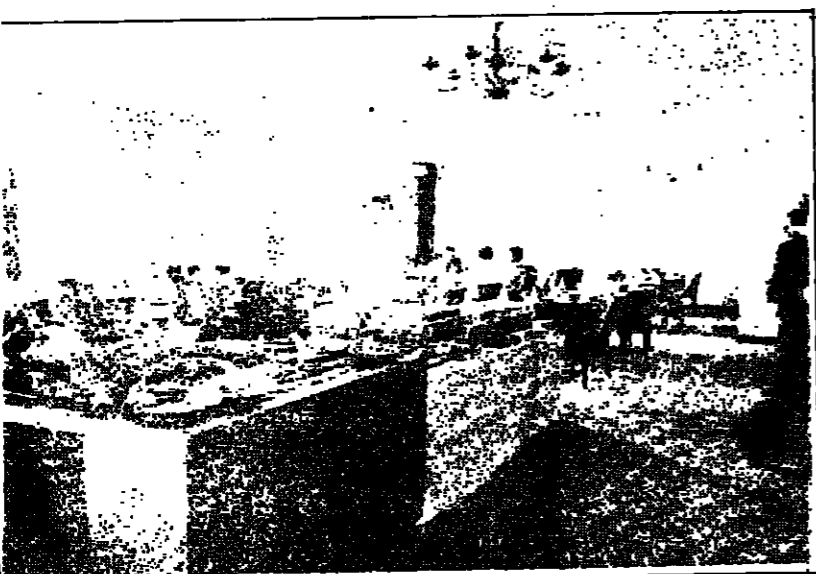
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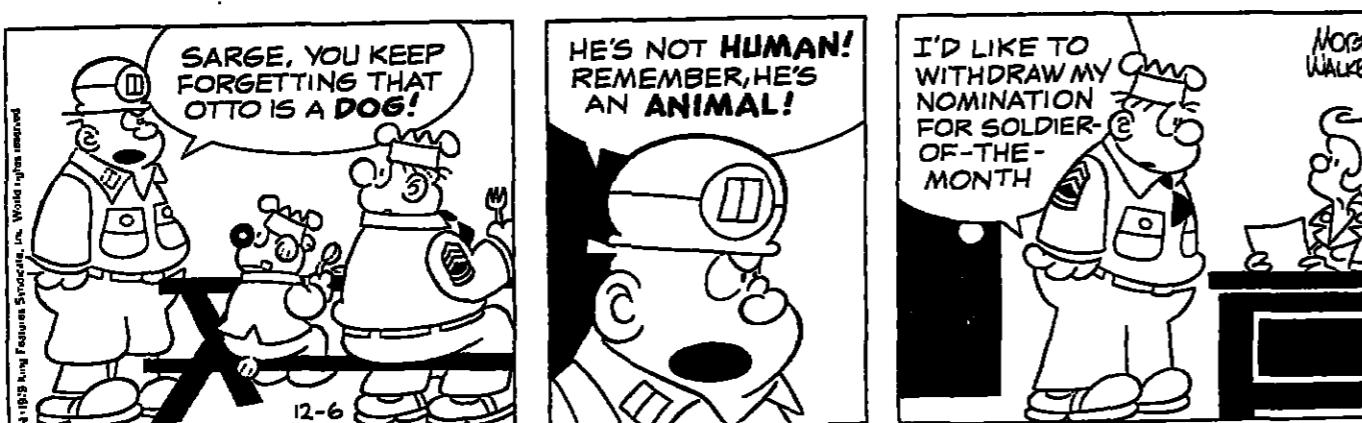
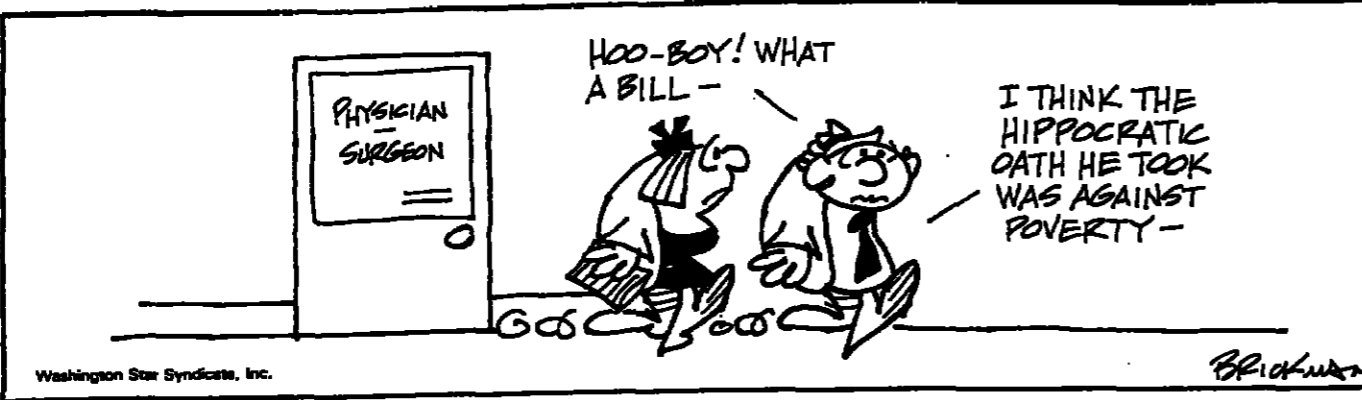
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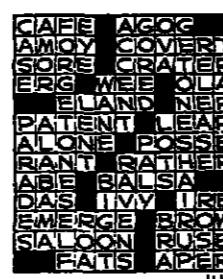


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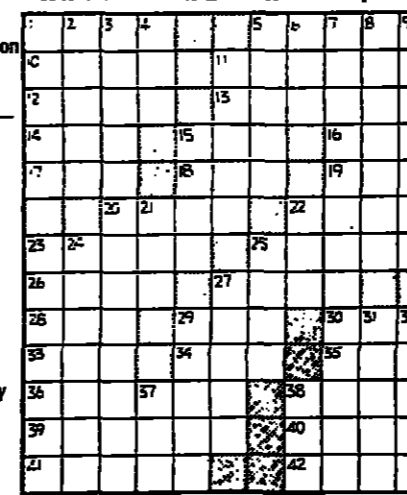
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Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Beauty lover
10 Major Hoople's plant
11 Barium sulfate
12 "Hell's Angel"
13 Actress
14 Suffox for muzz
15 Wool giver
16 Constellation
17 Beverage
18 - Avy
19 Brit. crown colony: abbr.
20 Trepidation
21 City
23 Outer portion
25 Breed
26 Actress
27 - s-nest
28 Ninny
29 Lardy
30 Actor
31 - Morrow
33 Philippine peasant
34 Function
35 Anecdotal collection
38 "Don Gio-vanni" lady
39 Like a bug in a rug
39 Wagner opera
- DOWN
40 Israeli port
41 Suit fabric
42 Useless
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3 Rave about
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♥ Q 4
♦ K J 4 2
♣ A Q 7
EAST
♠ A 7 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ A Q 9 8 7
♣ 8 4
SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ A 10 8 6 5 3
♦ -
♣ K J 9 6 5 3
The bidding:
North East South West
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT Pass 4♣ Pass
Opening lead - five of diamonds.
Right cards in the right places the didn't.
Ordinarily the contract would have been down one but Eisenberg made the slam because of an unusual play he made at trick one. West led the five of diamonds in accordance with a partnership arrangement to play the third or fifth-best card on opening lead.
Eisenberg followed low from dummy - most declarers would have played the jack from dummy - and poor East found it difficult to play the seven on the trick. He played the queen and, as a result, Eisenberg made the slam. South ruffed the queen, led a club to the ace, and played the king of diamonds, covered by the ace and ruffed. Then came a club to the queen, a spade discard on the jack of diamonds, and the only trick eventually lost by declarer was a heart.
Eisenberg's low diamond play from dummy had a lot in its favor. From his point of view, West might have led from three to the queen, in which case it would be difficult for East, holding either A-10 or A-9, to play the ten or nine. Furthermore, if East actually had the A-Q, playing the jack from dummy was absolutely useless. All in all, Eisenberg's reasoning seems correct and, in the actual case, it worked out perfectly.

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Medina	5:33	6:57	12:19	3:20	5:37	7:07
Nejd	4:57	6:26	11:46	2:47	5:04	6:34

DHAHRAN TV

2:37 Soccer Lessons	Laws and Referees
3:00 Children's Show	Sesame Street No. 1185
4:06 Thunderbirds	City of Fire
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VOA

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8:00 News Roundup	VOC Magazine
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8:00 Opinion: Analyses	Cultural: Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English: News	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:00 News: Feature. The Making of a Nation	Midnight
9:00 News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup	
10:00 Reports: Actualities	
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1:05 Gems of Guidance
1:10 This Week's Landmark
1:20 Top of the Pops
1:30
1:50 Classic al Music
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Jazz Music
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islam The Divine Truth
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gems of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Music Worldwide
9:45 Eve and Her World
10:00 Youth Welfare
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
10:30 The Evening Show
11:00 World Classics
11:10
11:15 African Music
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:00 Closedown

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Morning Transmission

8:00 Ouverture
8:02 Lumiere sur le Coran
8:15 Musique
8:30 Bonjour
8:35 Varietes
8:45 Occident et Orient
9:00 Varietes
9:10 Informations
9:10 Informations sur les
9:15 Varietes
9:20 Lumiere de Islam
9:45 Musique
9:59 Cloture
Evening Transmission

Morning Transmission

7:00 Ouverture
7:02 Versets et Commentaires
7:15 Musique
7:30 L'arabe par la radio
7:45 Musique entre amis
8:15 Jeunesse et Sport
8:20 Varietes
8:30 Informations
8:40 Revue de presse
8:45 Musique
8:55 Culture
11:10 Music
11:15 Nashville
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:00 Close Down

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newdesk
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsreel
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News

24 Hour Transmission

4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
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5:15 Report on Religion
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Charm and sociability aid career progress. If unsatisfied with something at home, make necessary changes. Heed family wishes.
TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Pleasure about a distant matter. Listen to the innovative ideas of close ones. Mental rapport with partners aids the course of love.
GEMINI
(May 21 to June 21)
A good time to buy something for the house, but keep spending within affordable limits. Choose a quality item. Work goes well.
CANCER
(June 22 to July 22)
Words of love make you content and free to express inner convictions. Creative pursuits and hobbies also add to your happiness.
LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
You should really enjoy your work now. Take pride in accomplishment. Examine all facets of questions related to domestic welfare.
VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Optimism about love puts you in a party mood. Share

thoughts with friends, who then in turn will show you their loyalty and affection.
LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Family source of inner strength. Keep personality out of career dealings. Concentrate on new ways to increase earning potential.
SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Good news from a friend, perhaps an invitation. A time to begin holiday planning. Consult with travel agencies. Make reservations.
SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Financial progress, but don't brag about it. A friend could become envious. Keep financial dealings private. Investigate all angles.
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You should be especially happy about a trip or romance at a distance. Progress in relations with others. Your individuality is appreciated.
AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Possible agitation with co-workers, but progress on the job indicated. Work in cooperation with higher-ups. Present new ideas.
PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
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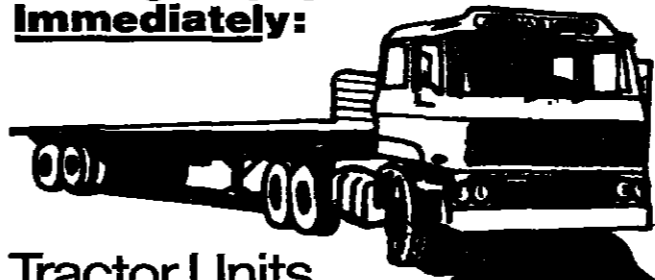
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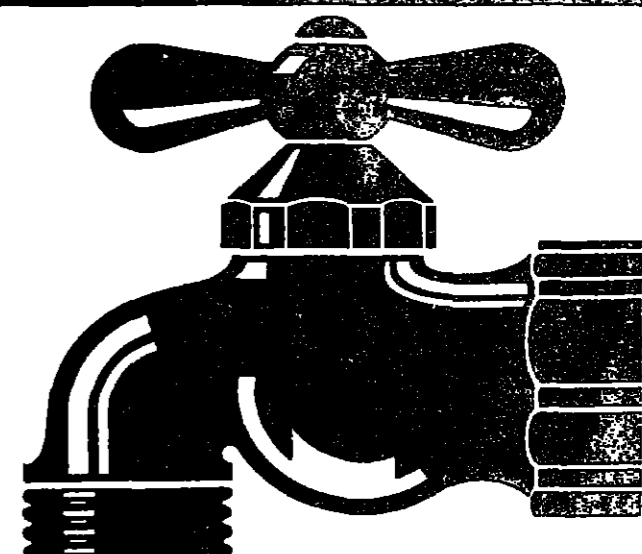
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On The Loose

By Michael J. Hall

There is a sign on a shop across from the military section of Jeddah's airport that's often intriguing. In big, bold, red letters it spells out the owner's proud claim to be proprietor of an "Electric Sweets and Bakery" establishment.

Ever since first noticing the man's proud proclamation a few months ago, I've been tempted to enter his shop to see what is to be found. Is an "electric sweet" a candy with a shocking taste? Is it simply a misspelled way of advertising that the man sells neon furniture groupings, or perhaps luxury hotel rooms where the lights never dim?

The possibilities are marvelous to contemplate, but in actual fact I don't think I'll ever go inside. Imagination is so much more interesting than the prosaic business behind the sign could possibly be.

Speaking of signs, this quixotic billboard on an American highway has been directed to our attention. "Guns, shotguns and revolvers—Cheap," it proclaims, and the natural assumption is that it's another store where the gun nuts can buy what they want with few questions asked.

But a closer look at the sign tells a different tale. In smaller type, underneath the come-on for artillery, it reads, "we also carry used wedding gowns and bridal bouquets—very cheap."

I'll leave most of the possibilities of that combination up to you. But one explanation which comes quickly to mind is that they're in the business of pre-packaged shotgun weddings....

The lengths to which people will go to make a dishonest buck... or pound... or ryal, has always amazed me.

But if it's true that there's a little larceny in every man's heart, it's also true that the good usually triumphs, sometimes in the most fitting of ways.

Word comes to us this week, for example, of the 22-year-old man arrested for smuggling drugs into Switzerland in the belly of his pet cobra.

I'd be the first to admit that if I were on the customs force I don't know how far I'd want to carry the investigation of that crime.

But an intrepid official must have persevered, because the young man was hauled into court on the charges. Five years for drug smuggling, said the judge, and another year for cruelty to animals.

And in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the manager of a loan company, one Daniel Rhodes by name, figured he had found a new way to get patrons to pay their over-

due bills.

It all started as a joke, he claimed when he went to court to answer charges of spanking the procrastinating debtors with a big paddle. Case dismissed, said the judge, since the complainant had dropped the complaint.

But lest you think Mr. Rhodes was allowed to get away with his unorthodox method for corralling deadbeats you'll be happy to know that the forces of law and order triumphed in the end.

During the investigation of the first case it turned out Rhodes had embezzled \$40,000 from the loan company to pay hush money to six other victims who had threatened to take him to court.

Enough law and order. Animals are an equally good theme when people haven't been doing enough crazy things to land themselves in this space.

Manuel Alvarez, the trash collector in a small Spanish village, has been having a feud with his local government (his boss) for the last several months. Seems they want him to change his trash collection route.

But Manuel, who's been doing the route for 10 years, is fond of having his donkey keep him company on the solitary morning round, and says the donkey's too old and set in his ways to change the route now.

That leaves the next move to the local government folks. They can either allow him to quit—but he's their only trash collector—or give in, or offer to buy him a new donkey. We'll carry an update when there's been some resolution.

And a not-so-nice animal story, which fortunately has a happy ending.

Fourteen-year-old Sarel Goosen of South Africa was on his way to school earlier this week when he chanced on a troupe of circus elephants out for a walk with their trainer.

Apparently one of them took a disliking to the youth, because he was kicked, picked up by the elephant's trunk, and then hurled unconscious against a fence.

But Goosen appears to be a lad of rare imperturbability. After a few minutes at the hospital where doctors told him nothing serious was wrong, he picked himself up and went off to school, where he took his end-of-term exams that day.

Only late in the afternoon, when he got back from the exams (he passed) did he bother to tell his parents of the adventurous walk that morning. I don't know. I certainly wouldn't have passed up a chance like that to postpone a final exam.

Carter formally declares candidacy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter, saying he has scars but carries them "with pride," has officially begun his fight for another four years in the White House.

The muted declaration Tuesday, coming "at a somber time of crisis," began with a reference to the Americans being held in Iran by "a mob and a government that have become one and the same."

Asserting that the Iranian situation claims "my closest attention," the president said he "would have preferred to postpone this announcement until another time." But Carter said election laws in some states forced him to act now.

"Therefore," he said, "I declare that I am a candidate for re-election as president of the United States of America."

Carter also asked fellow Democrats to renominate Walter Mondale, "the most effective vice president in American history."

The president, who spoke for less than eight minutes in the East Room, appeared before relatives, staff aides and a delegation from campaign headquarters. Mondale was with him. The low-key event contrasted sharply with Carter's original plans.

Before events in Iran intervened, the president had intended to invite prominent supporters from across the nation to the White House and to spend the evening at a fund-raising gala at a Washington hotel. Then he



President Carter

was going to embark on four days of campaigning in six states from Maine to Texas.

Although the fund-raiser was on Carter's announced schedule for the day, chief spokesman Jody Powell said the president would not attend because he "simply felt his presence there would not be appropriate under the circumstances," a reference to the Iranian crisis.

"As president," Carter said, "I have made some hard decisions, and I expect to make more. I have made some mistakes, and I have learned from them. I have fought some bitter

fight against powerful special interests—and I expect to go on leading the fight for the common good of our people."

He said he intended to win the Democratic Party's nomination "despite the challenge from Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts."

Acknowledging that "I carry some scars and I carry them with pride," Carter said the nation's course "is not changed overnight" in the face of difficult problems. But he said his administration's course "is the right one, and we must not turn aside."

Carter said he will talk "sense to the American people" echoing the 1952 campaign theme of Democrat Adlai Stevenson, who twice lost presidential races to Republican Dwight Eisenhower.

"In these difficult times," Carter said, "our greatest ally is the truth..."

"There is no longer such a thing as cheap energy. That is the truth."

"We cannot wish our way out of inflation. That is the truth."

"We cannot spend our way out of every problem. That is the truth."

Carter went on to espouse both a strong defense and the control of nuclear arms, and then added, "With the support of the American people, I propose to carry on the struggle for a secure nation, a just society, and a peaceful world, as president of the United States."

On compromise basis

Rhodesia agreement reportedly imminent

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Britain and guerrilla leaders moved Wednesday toward a compromise settlement of the main difficulties holding up full agreement on terms of a Zimbabwe Rhodesia ceasefire, reliable sources reported.

Highly placed officials disclosed that Lord Carrington, British foreign secretary who is presiding over the London peace talks now in their 13th week, has accepted a formula which goes some way toward meeting objections of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance to the British plan for a ceasefire.

Commonwealth Secretary General Sir Shridath Ramphal, who has been working behind the scenes to break the deadlock at the talks, said Wednesday that agreement was very close.

In the past few days he has had intensive talks with all sides at the conference, which has been dragging on for three months.

Wednesday, he told Reuters, "Agreement is very close."

The splitting point at the conference has been the demand by Front guerrillas for major changes to a ceasefire plan drawn up by Britain, the colonial power responsible for returning its breakaway territory to indepen-

dence. Britain has refused to alter the plan, which the other party to the talks, Bishop Abel Muzorewa's bi-racial Salisbury government, has already accepted.

Sir Shridath, a former Guyana foreign minister who coordinates day-to-day cooperation between the 39 Commonwealth countries, said Wednesday that a form of words had been drawn up covering the outstanding issues in ceasefire arrangements.

A document had been submitted to all sides at the talks, he said.

Later the Commonwealth secretary general issued a statement which said, "What the Commonwealth promised the world in Lusaka last August is within reach—a lasting settlement in Rhodesia."

There were no insurmountable difficulties, he added. "A spirit of understanding and minimal accommodation on all sides will make agreement possible," he said.

He said a failure of the London talks was now unacceptable.

Hinting that a settlement might be imminent, he said, "In the hours ahead there will be roles for many to play in ensuring that what is unnecessary does not happen by accident or default—or just from tiredness."

Carrington, chairman of the conference, was due to make a statement on its progress to parliament Wednesday afternoon.

The possibility of imminent agreement was strengthened by a surprise meeting Wednesday between Carrington and representatives in London of the so-called African front-line states, plus Nigeria.

Next week

Prime Minister Lynch to resign

DUBLIN, Dec. 5 (R) — Irish Prime Minister Jack Lynch, 62, a moderate politician who has ruled the republic for nine of the past 13 years, Wednesday announced he would resign early next week.

He asked members of parliament of his ruling Fianna Fail Party to meet this week to elect a successor.

Favorite candidates are Health Minister Charles Haughey, a staunch Republican who takes a harder line than Lynch on the Northern Ireland conflict, and Finance Minister George Colley. Both are 54.

Lynch's Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) is reeling from recent by-election defeats indicating that it would be swept from office in a national election.

In his statement Wednesday, Lynch said it had always been his intention to retire during

the present parliament. "It is obvious to me that the time, has come for someone with a new approach and fresh thinking to take over as leader of the government," he told a meeting of his party's parliamentarians.

Lynch is a pragmatic politician who began his career as a lawyer and also earned a national sports star's fame as a player of Gaelic football and hurling, a ferocious form of hockey. He has been criticized by some of his party members for being too soft over Northern Ireland.

He was publicly attacked on this score last September by the 34-year-old granddaughter of the late President Eamon de Valera, one of the founding fathers of the Irish Republic. Miss De Valera, a Fianna Fail deputy, later backed down.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

One aspect of the news coverage of events in Iran cannot fail to drive an Arab or Muslim reader to distraction. It is passing through a revolutionary crisis one as deep and profound as any in the world. And, in the West, revolution means for the majority such things as Just Peace, Democracy, however bloody chaotic they may be. Ah, but not when comes to a revolution in an Islamic country like Iran. There automatically revolution is a matter of aggression, dictatorship, injustice. How come?

I'll tell you how come. But before I let me say quite clearly that this is not defense of this or that revolution—revolutionary excess—not even defense of revolution as such, let alone acts such as embassy storming or hostage taking, which must be condemned.

It has to do with language, and the fact that the Western press deals with the revolution in Iran with deep underlying assumptions which are never challenged.

The language involved is the language of pathology, of psychosis. Iran (and through it, Islam as a whole) is taken up as a frame of reference of "sanity" a "insanity," "extremism" and "moderation," "fanaticism" and "enlightenment." That is all. No question of cause or effect, of what is actually happening. Why. Nothing but "dark forces" and "a terranean influences." Nothing but shadows, in other words; nothing but rife raving and verbal diarrhea.

In the mother of all modern revolutions the Great Revolution in France at the end of the 18th century, there was the "terror" as the various political factions fought for control, then the long war Europe and elsewhere as the nation joined in against the revolution regime. But all this wasn't "madness" and was still a matter of history, research and scientific thought.

Then the famous year of 1948 in most European capitals exploded a revolt. Still, that was not "madness," serious events deserving serious interest and reflection. Then the two World War Student revolutions in the U.S., France, and the cultural Revolution in China—to name only a few examples stark madness.

There are two ways, apparently, looking at history; for it all depends whose history is being looked at. "Ours" a serious matter of thought, of theories and great philosophies—"theirs," which is the record merely dark deeds and "inhuman" drives.

But it certainly won't do to meet the way of thinking at its own level, for it is too easy to add the account of "excess" for each of the major cultures and then sit in judgment. But what is the point of this silly game?

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Indian bats collapse

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (R) — Medium bowler Sikander Bakht claimed eight wickets personally to wreck India's first innings put Pakistan in a strong position in the end Test at the end of the second day Tuesday.

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